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EDITORIAL

Every year nearly a hundred boys leave the School, and yet the total membership of the official Old Boys' Society, The Old Paludians, is less than double this number, and not increasing. Does this matter—and why bring it up now?

This year saw the largest gathering of Old Boys in the School's history in connection with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Secondary Education in Slough, a full report of which will be found elsewhere in the magazine. This was so successful that many wish to see a regular re-union every five years. But at the moment there is no organization capable of undertaking this. For it does not seem right that the initiative and much of the hard work should come, as this year, largely from the present Head and Deputy Head of this School and the High School.

The arrangements should be the responsibility of a flourishing and widely based Old Boys' Society; but at the moment The Old Paludians, vigorous and enterprising as they are, have neither the resources nor the wide support needed for this service. Inevitably the activities of such a society are determined by its members; the more there are the greater the range of activities, the fewer there are the narrower its scope. . . .

And so we are back to our paltry two hundred members, or rather less. If friendships made at school are worth fostering, and if a close link between past and present members is a desirable aim, then this does matter, and it matters now.

Are *you* leaving shortly?

OBITUARY

Mr. David Luck, Master in charge of Physical Education at this School from 1940-1955, and who had previously served in the former Slough Secondary School for nine years, died on the 17th May at the age of 72. He will be remembered with affection by many former members of the School for the help he gave them in attaining physical fitness.

Flying-Officer Andrew Marshall, (1949-1956) was reported missing from a duty flight from Cyprus on the 24th April. He will be remembered for his great courage and determination as well as for the excellent work he did in the school library.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

School Captain: S. Baxter. *Vice-Captains:* R. Davis, H. Froggatt.
Prefects: D. Beer, C. Benton, M. Billington, G. Bull, J. Burden, C. Burley, T. Daly, P. Derks, R. Dowding, C. Doyle, H. Duffy, C. Evans, M. French, P. Gardner, P. Grimwood, M. Houchin, M. Kolaszynski, P. Le Page, J. Loryman, C. Louch, C. Marshall, J. Mearns, R. Moore, H. Roberts, J. Robotham, P. Skillings, A. Smyth, P. Spooner, M. Stenning, H. Stroud, G. Taylor, C. Timms.

<i>Cricket Captain</i>	R. Davis.
<i>Soccer Captain</i>	A. Smyth.
<i>Hockey Captain</i>	S. Baxter.
<i>Rugby Captain</i>	R. Davis.
<i>Tennis Captain</i>	B. Kelley.
<i>Basketball Captain</i>	G. J. Thomas.
<i>Athletics Captain</i>	C. Doyle.
<i>Cross-Country Captain</i>	M. Duff.

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SCHOOL NOTES

We are particularly sorry to lose Mr. R. Mills from the staff after his twelve years' service here. His departure will leave many regrets, not only in the classroom, but on the games field and in school societies. We shall remember him as a pattern of the complete schoolmaster.

Mr. T. M. Hooley left at Easter to take up an appointment in the British Army School, Cyprus. Mr. F. E. Appleton has accepted an appointment on the English staff at the Cathedral School, Bristol, as from September. Mr. J. W. Davies is going to teach in Montreal, Canada, after this term, and Mr. M. J. Whatmore is returning to Ontario, Canada. Mr. R. E. Bower will be leaving to take a post in Yorkshire, North Riding. Mr. E. J. File, of Exeter University, will be coming in September from Huish's Grammar School, Taunton; and Mr. G. Fallows, B.A., of Cambridge, who has been a house master at a boarding school for the past seven years, will also join in September. Both these masters will be in the English department. Mr. G. Shield will be coming in September to teach metalwork.

Congratulations to former members who have achieved special academic distinction: Barry Garner (1947-1955), who returns from America to take up a lectureship in Economics at Leeds University next October; Ian Simmons (1950-1956), who will be going to Durham University in October as Lecturer in Geography; Lewis Goldfine (1948-1955), who has just gone to Maryland, U.S.A., with a Medical Research Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Foundation; John Turner (1948-1955), who has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Canada; and D. Colin Jones (1947-1955), who was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Bristol University.

We are proud of James Clark (1952-1959) and Michael Holliday (1952-1960), who were chosen to play in the English Universities Soccer XI, which went to Belgium at Easter.

It was a pleasure in September to welcome Cadet Officer George Ayre from Cranwell to give an illustrated talk on the R.A.F. training he is there receiving.

During this year two new activities have come into the school programme—canoeing and sailing—thanks to the enterprise of Mr. J. G. Myatt and Mr. H. Doncaster.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Malin on the birth of their daughter, Virginia, and to Mr. and Mrs. Shelley, whose two sons were given a sister, Christabel; also to Mr. and Mrs. Blagrove, who now have a second son, Richard.

Mr. B. A. A. Knight, who was second History Master here from 1953 to 1956, sent news in May of the birth of his daughter, Deborah, sister to Nigel.

During this year we have appreciated very much the help in the Modern Language Department of Herr K. Hofmann, from Saarbrücken University, and of M. A. Ribeyrol, from the University of Bordeaux. We hope they will retain pleasant memories of their stay with us.

The S.C.M. Group has continued its excellent work and raised more than £71 for World Famine Relief at the Jumble Sale in early May. The boys who spent most of their Easter holidays collecting jumble did excellent service.

At Christmas Mrs. E. White relinquished her appointment as assistant school secretary, and in January we welcomed Mrs. Garrett in her place.

Congratulations to Robin Bowers (1950-1957), who for the fourth time had his name in the All-A Honours Roll of Michigan State University, U.S.A.

In September Mr. J. W. Davies took sixth formers to an Economics Conference in London.

During the year we have been hosts for Reading University in a series of meetings and for holidays courses in science for young teachers.

Two seniors, J. Loryman and H. Burden, have twice spent several days at the County Farm studying aspects of farming.

The school musicians were glad to receive the new piano in September, and later in the year tenor cots and a side drum.

We have been pleased to have Messrs. Tilford and Smith from the Institute of Education, London University, and Messrs. Brooker, Burt, Gulley and Rawcliffe from Reading University Department of Education.

Congratulations to Henry Stroud, who gained one of three Royal Scholarships in Chemistry awarded at the Imperial College of Science, London.

John Hughes (1949-1956) played in the United London Hospitals Hockey XI against the London Universities XI, which included Stephen Hyde (1950-58). John has recently qualified as a doctor at the University College Hospital, London.

Two members of our S.C.M. Group volunteered for international work camps during the last summer holidays. One of them is going next August to Taizé in Eastern France.

Members of the school owe a great debt of gratitude to all those members of the staff who have organized and conducted expeditions at home and abroad.

We were particularly pleased that Barry Kelley and Colin Timms won the Ramsden Cup for tennis at Wimbledon.

Just before leaving us in July, Herr Endriss brought his friend, Wolfgang Bauer, to give us a very enjoyable pianoforte recital.

Christopher Bass brought us honour by being chosen to captain the County Under-15 Cricket XI.

At the end of this term Philip Gardner sets out for a year of Voluntary Service Overseas. We wish him well in this enterprise, and hope to receive some interesting bulletins from him. His destination at present is not revealed.

Twenty instrumentalists joined in the Junior Instrumental Festival on the 24th March.

HAIL

S. A. Barlow, C. G. Battersby, S. J. Beddard, M. J. Bell, S. W. M. Bell, G. A. Benke, A. G. Biebuyck, N. J. Birt, K. Boulton, S. J. Bradley, W. Brench, W. R. Bridge, J. J. Buck, D. L. Bull, J. Campbell, P. A. Cantillon, R. Carter, P. F. W. Charrett, P. R. Close, B. J. Cooke, M. J. Cooper, G. A. la Croix, M. J. Denham, W. L. Dent, W. F. Donoghue, K. Dougan, M. J. Feather, K. R. Franklin, E. G. Froggatt, M. Goatly, P. C. B. Gocher, C. S. Gooch, B. J. Goodall, D. C. Gordon, S. C. Gray, M. J. Grosch, G. F. Hammond, K. E. Hampton, K. F. Harding, C. J. Hare, M. R. Harding, R. Hardy, L. W. Harris, R. G. Harris, S. J. Hatch, F. D. Haynes, P. M. Haynes, P. R. House, I. M. Hughes, J. C. Humphries, A. C. Jones, I. R. Jordan, P. A. A. Kay, C. King, D. Kitson, R. J. Laing, A. E. Lewis, C. M. Lewis, A. Lisater, G. P. Low, K. A. Martin, K. R. Messenger, S. C. Morton, S. R. Moss, A. G. W. Murray, D. P. E. Murray, G. Napper, P. G. O'Leary, M. J. Paine, J. M. Peacock, R. J. Peacop, J. D. Pell, R. H. Pickett, J. E. Powrie, C. I. Pratt, J. Pietron, A. E. Priede, I. Rance, A. F. Richens, D. L. Rogerson, M. C. Sherwood-Smith, I. Singleton, P. B. Smith, R. C. Smith, P. E. Stevens, B. W. Stout, W. Szwaikowski, E. S. Thomas, T. J. Thwaites, B. R. Turrington, B. R. Tutty, P. M. Vincent, B. C. Walker, R. G. Walker, A. D. Ward, E. J. Welsh, S. White, D. G. Widdowson, R. D. Willetts, M. R. Wilson.

FAREWELL

A. Alderman (University College, London—economics), R. Archer (Guy's Hospital—dentistry), A. D. Baker (B.E.A. trainee), K. Butler (King's College, London—German), R. Chaplin (Battersea College of Advanced Technology—civil engineering), J. Chapman, I. Clark (University College, London—mathematics), A. Crooks (Loughborough—chemical engineering), R. Dearlove (London School of Economics), B. Donaldson (Battersea College of Advanced Technology), P. Dowson (Bristol University—mathematics), J. Eyre (Southampton University—economics), J. Ford (Cost Accountancy), M. Fuggles (Supermarket trainee-manager), R. Fuller (Birmingham—civil engineering course), R. Gedge (Apprenticeship), M. Gilson (Metals), M. Green (Sheffield University—chemistry), L. Greenaway (Imperial Chemical Industries), J. Field (Prudential Insurance), J. Gatehouse, R. Hatch, M. Head (Exeter University—economics), C. Hellmuth (Aspro-Nicholas), R. Hill (Manchester University—A.E.I. sandwich course), I. Hodgson (Northern Polytechnic—surveying), D. Hole (Prudential Insurance), C. Hughes (Atomic engineering, Harwell), K. Lane (P.E. training course, Leeds), D. Lister (Imperial Chemical Industries), N. Lovelock (Bristol University—French), J. Macdonald (Supermarket trainee-manager), E. Marsden (Leather Industry,

Yeovil), P. Marshall (King's College, London), R. Monks (Liverpool—English), A. Oliver (University College, London—chemical engineering), J. Pape (Imperial College—electrical engineering), D. Parker (Culham College—teacher training), P. Read (R.A.F. trainee pilot), J. Reid (surveying), K. Reynolds, J. Ridgely (L.C.C. town planning), P. Rix (Nottingham University—mathematics), B. Roberts (Leather industry, Egham), W. Rundle (Civil Service), J. Sampson (Town and Country planning), R. Selzer (Metallurgy), M. Skidmore (Sheffield University—civil engineering), D. Smith (Sheffield University—Bio-chemistry), D. Spring (Post Office Telecommunications), W. Stacey (Prudential Insurance), R. Stevens (Southampton University—chemistry), G. H. Taylor (Aspro-Nicholas—executive trainee), P. Taylor (Bristol—mathematics), V. Tong (Aspro-Nicholas, before commencing training for the Church), K. Wallis (Northern Polytechnic), N. Warden (Accountancy), R. Whitaker (King's College, London—French), G. Winfield (Aspro-Nicholas).

D. Alder, F. Bell, J. Benton, R. Belson, J. Blaber, I. Booth, G. Brant, B. Brown, R. Brown, T. Bryant, G. Bucknell, D. Burley, F. Carpenter, G. Coles, I. Coles, M. Cooper, D. Crawshaw, R. Danridge, M. Davison, S. Duff, G. Ellis, D. Fisher, R. Ford, P. Franks, R. Godley, J. Hall, R. Hannigan, J. Gray, B. Hissey, R. Giles, B. Hollings, F. Hopkins, D. Howie, R. Jellis, T. Johnson, R. Jackson, A. Langford, N. Lee, C. Luck, J. Marks, P. Martin, D. Nicholas, G. Paling, T. Phillips, M. Pugh, M. Reeves, M. Rich, J. Roantree, M. Roberts, P. Sallnow, M. Shepherd, I. Siddiqui, K. Smith, B. Thelwell, R. Turner, R. Webb, M. Withers, C. Young.

SPEECH DAY REPORT

School Speech Day was held on Tuesday, 20th March, in the School Hall, and the guest speaker was Brigadier Sir Henry Floyd, Bt., C.B.

This year marked the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the School, and in his annual report the Headmaster, Dr. Long, remarked that this was a time for looking back to ensure that we were maintaining our standards and honouring our traditions.

After presenting the awards, the Brigadier stressed in his speech the tremendous opportunities which existed today for the younger generation, and the importance of discipline in our lives as we approach these challenges.

Then followed a vote of thanks by S. Baxter, the Head Boy, seconded by the Deputy Head Boy, H. Froggatt.

The Choir brought the evening to a close singing a chorus from Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', a Motet by Schutz, 'Las Agachadas' by Copland, and a Negro Spiritual, 'Peter, go ring dem bells', arr. by Philip Winkinson. P.H.

FORMS I: SUBJECT PRIZES

Morton, A. (English); Elder, J. (French and Mathematics); Jones, J. (History); Gamble, F. (Geography); Pratt, M. (Science); Adnitt, G. (Art); Whiteley, C. (Music); Avis, C. (Technical Drawing).

FORMS II: SUBJECT PRIZES

Davis, C. (English); Bolland, R. (Latin); Hannam, R. (French); Keates, J. (German); Tindall, T. (History); Massey, M. (Geography); Bull, R. (Mathematics); Wallace, G. (Science); Donoghue, M. (Art); Parker, C. (Music); Overton, J. (Woodwork).

FORMS III: SUBJECT PRIZES

Towersey, A. (English); Serjent, R. (Latin); Lister, R. (French); Walker, G. (German); Martin, J. (History); Spellman, G. (Geography); Bailey, B. (Mathematics); Wood, T. (Science); Mathias, K. (Art); Parker, M. (Music); Cameron, M. (Woodwork).

FORMS IV: SUBJECT PRIZES

Earl, M. (English); Pugh, D. (Latin); Light, G. (German and Geography); McGoun, R. (French); Barrett, R. (History); Boul, D. (Mathematics);

Pickering, B. (Chemistry); Singleton, A. (Physics); Timms, C. (Music and General Science); Perkins, G. (Biology); Grant, K. (Art); Ramsdale, C. (Woodwork).

FORMS V: SUBJECT PRIZES

Morris, D. (English Language); Freestone, M. (English Literature); Garner, D. (French and Latin); Moss, R. (German and Music); Slater, P. (History); Ray, D. (Geography); Weightman, C. (Mathematics); Higginson, B. (Chemistry and Physics); Hynam, B. (Biology); Young, C. (General Science); Virgo, P. (Art); Back, A. (Metalwork); Hatt, M. (Woodwork).

LOWER SIXTH: SUBJECT PRIZES

Burley, C. (English); Willson, M. (Latin and French); Bull, G. (German); Timms, C. (Music and Russian); Haines, K. (History); Sherlock, R. (Geography); Smyth, A. (Economics); Serjent, P. (Pure and Applied Mathematics); Le Page, J. (Pure Mathematics); Kochanowski, S. (Physics); Moore, R. (Chemistry); Attock, B. (Biology).

UPPER SIXTH: SUBJECT PRIZES

Monks, R. (English); Lovelock, N. (French); Parker, D. (History); Dearlove, R. (Economics); Eyre, J. (Geography); Dowson, P. (Pure Mathematics); Clark, I. (Applied Mathematics); Taylor, P. (Higher Mathematics); Grimwood, P. (Chemistry); Marshall, P. (Physics).

CERTIFICATES FOR 'ORDINARY' LEVEL SUBJECTS, G.C.E. EXAMINATION

(including subjects passed in December, 1960)

9 subjects:

Garner, D.

8 subjects:

Bew, D.; Birmingham, W.; Clarke, M.; Elderfield, C.; Freestone, M.; Garrod, D.; Hatt, M.; Higginson, B.; Hinchcliffe, P.; Johnson, R.; Loomes, R.; Mayo, A.; Morris, D.; Muir, A.; Newby, P.; Pratt, D.; Ray, D.; Roantree, J.; Slater, P.; Smith, R.; Lucas-Smith, E.; Steggall, C.; Symes, D.; Trigg, J.; Virgo, J.; Virgo, P.

7 subjects:

Alderman, A.; Carritt, C.; Coleman, G.; Croker, R.; Darnell, R.; Fountain, R.; Haisz, S.; Hall, J.; Hynam, B.; Kelley, B.; Kingston, R.; Merritt, W.; Moss, R.; Smith, H.; Thorp, B.

6 subjects:

Back, A.; Bradley, P.; Brown, R.; Ellis, G.; Harden, B.; Mason, R.; Paling, G.; Rosteghin, M.; Sallnow, P.; Taylor, M.; Turner, R.; Weightman, C.

5 subjects:

Brant, G.; Dandridge, R.; Jellis, R.; Langford, A.; Marks, J.; Phillips, T.; Taneja, N.

4 subjects:

Alder, D.; Bailey, M.; Ford, R.; Howie, D.; Lee, N.; Rothero, D.; Soper, P.; Young, C.

3 subjects:

Belson, R.; Blaber, J.; Brown, B.; Bucknell, G.; Burley, D.; Franks, P.; Giles, R.; Gray, J.; Jackson, R.; Johnson, T.; Lewis, M.; Martin, P.; Reeves, M.; Shepherd, M.; Simmonds, A.; Turner, C. R.; Turner, K.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

English (E); Latin (L); French (F); History (H); Geography (Gy); German (G); Spanish (Sp); Economics (Ec); Pure Mathematics (PM); Applied Mathematics (AM); Higher Mathematics (HM); Pure and Applied Mathematics (PAM); Physics (P); Chemistry (C); Botany (Bot); Zoology (Zy); Biology (B); Woodwork (W).

* County Awards.

† Distinction.

SIXTH FORM CERTIFICATES

Name	Advanced Level	Scholarship Level
* Alderman, A.	Ec, PM, HM.	Ec, PM.
* Archer, R.	F, Zy.	
Baker, A.	H, Gy, Ec.	
Baxter, S.	F, G.	
Billington, M.	Zy.	
* Butler, K.	F, G.	F, G.
* Chaplin, R.	PAM, P.	
Clark, I.	PM, AM†, P.	PM†, AM†.
* Crooks, A.	PAM, P, C.	
Davis, R.	F, G.	
* Dearlove, R.	Ec, PM, HM.	Ec, PM.
* Donaldson, B.	PAM, P, C.	C.
Dowding, R.	PM, AM, P.	
Dowson, P.	PM†, AM, P.	PM†, AM.
Doyle, C.	C.	
Duffy, P.	Gy, Ec.	
Elliston, A.	PM†, P, C.	PM†, C.
* Eyre, J.	H, Gy, Ec.	Gy†, Ec.
Ford, J.	PAM, P.	
Freeman, M.	H, E.	
French, M.	PM†, P, C†.	PM, C†.
Froggatt, H.	PM†, P, C†.	PM, C†.
Fuller, R.	PAM, P, C.	
Gilson, M.	C.	
* Green, M.	PM, P, C.	P, C.
Greenaway, L.	H, Gy, Ec.	
Grimwood, P.	PM, P, C†.	PM, C†.
Hatch, R.	H, Ec.	
* Head, M.	E, Ec.	Ec.
Hellmuth, C.	P, C.	
Hill, R.	PM, AM, P.	
Halsey, C.	G.	
Hodgson, R.	Gy.	
Hole, D.	H, Ec.	
Hughes, C.	PM, AM, P.	
Lane, K.	PM, AM, P.	
Lister, D.	PM, P, C.	
* Lovelock, N.	F, G.	F.
Marsden, E.	C.	
Marshall, C.	PM, AM, P.	
Marshall, P.	PM, AM, HM, P.	PM†, AM, P†.
Mearns, J.	PM, AM, P.	PM, AM.
* Monks, R.	E†, H.	E†, H.
* Oliver, A.	PAM, P, C.	
* Pape, J.	PM, AM, P.	PM.
Parker, D.	E, H, Gy.	
Price, C.	H, Gy, Ec.	H.
Read, P.	H, Gy, Ec.	
Ridgley, J.	H, Gy, Ec.	
* Rix, P.	PM, AM, HM, P.	PM†, AM.
Roberts, B.	B.	
Roberts, H.	P, C.	
Selzer, R.	P, C.	
* Skidmore, M.	P, C.	
* Smith, D.	C, Zy.	C.
Spooner, P.	C, Zy.	
Stacey, W.	Ec.	
Stenning, M.	PM, AM, P.	

Name	Advanced Level	Scholarship Level
* Stevens, R.	PAM, P. C.	
Stroud, H.	PM, P. C.	C.
Taylor, G. E.	PM, P. C.	
Taylor, G. H.	Zy.	
Taylor, N.	PM, P. C.	C.
Taylor, P.	HM.	
Tong, W.	E.	
* Wallis, K.	H, Gy, Ec.	
* Whittaker, R.	F, G.	F, G.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS: Clark, I.; Dowson, P. L.; French, M. R.; Froggatt, H. W.; Grimwood, P. D.

SOUTHERN ELECTRICITY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP: Marshall, P.
A.C.F. CERTIFICATES: Cert. A. (Parts I and II)—Loomes, R.; Mayo, A.
Cert. T. Daly, T.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Headmaster's Prize:	Tong, V. (Head Boy 1960/61)
Library Service:	Stuart, I.; Attock, B.
Senior Magazine Prize:	Monks, R.
Junior Magazine Prize:	Mathias, K.
Todd Memorial Cup for Poetry (presented by members of Hampden House):	Stuart, I.
Dramatics Prize:	Alder, D.
Music Prize:	Baxter, S.
Ford Cup (for outstanding voluntary service):	Stroud, H.
Swimming Championship Challenge Cup (presented by County Alderman A. E. Ward):	Griffiths, P.
Gymnastics Cup (presented by D. Luck, Esq.):	Holloway, M.
Old Paludians' House Shield (for games and athletics):	Gray House.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

THE EARLY DAYS OF SLOUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL

The opening of Slough Secondary School in January, 1912, represents the beginning of public education in the Slough area. Thus, at first, the School had to compete not only with the Church of England Schools, which were at that time the most widespread form of education, but also with the private Tomnan Mosley School, which stood virtually next door to the original site of the school in William Street.

On the first day forty-nine pupils attended the new school (it should have been fifty, but there was an absence because of illness), there being an approximately even proportion of girls and boys, for the school was co-educational until the split took place in 1936. The school buildings consisted of three classrooms upstairs and three down, a science laboratory, cloakrooms, and an assembly hall. Moreover, additional buildings had to be added during the 1914-18 war, owing to the rapid expansion of the school. Indeed, there was an increase in pupils of over fifty per cent during the first year alone, the school year running from January to December in those days.

Naturally, with the increase of pupils, an accompanying enlargement of staff had to take place. In this field, the Headmaster, Mr. William Francis Smith, was ably supported by Miss E. M. Tregear, the first senior mistress, and Mr. Ben Llewellyn, who, having been a member of the original staff, retired only ten years ago as assistant headmaster from our own school, and who is undoubtedly one of the 'characters' of the school's history.

In the first year there were four forms, indicating the comfortable figure of about twelve pupils to each form, comfortable that is in comparison with our present 'bulge' classes of thirty plus. The 'House' system, however, was entirely different from ours today, for there were three houses for boys and three for girls, each of which carried the name of the master or mistress in charge of it.

Fees for the school stood at what might seem to us today the ridiculously low figure of £2 12s. 6d. plus one shilling for sports equipment per term, so that games (including soccer and cricket for the boys and hockey for the girls) could be played on the school field at the back of the school, the site now occupied by the College of Further Education.

In these early years only a small percentage of the pupils of Slough Secondary School managed to reach Matriculation standard, a fact that is easily explained. Not only was the school very young and still trying to find its feet, but also of necessity at first only general subjects were studied, owing to the smallness of the staff. Another great consideration in this sphere was, of course, the First World War, for many academically promising boys out of the first four years' intake enlisted at the age of fourteen.

This, then, is an overall picture of the first few years of the Slough Secondary School, which carried on in its William Street premises until 1936, when the boys and the girls were separated (much to the disgust of many) and were rehabilitated in new buildings at either end of the town, forming respectively ourselves and the High School.

But what became of those original members of the Secondary School? An excellent opportunity for finding out presented itself in the Jubilee celebrations of fifty years of secondary education in Slough, held last February. Of the original fifty pupils in 1912, some sixteen 'boys' and ten 'girls' were present, in addition, of course, to the very popular Mr. Llewellyn. Several others could regrettably not make the often long journey to take part owing to illness. Naturally enough, very few have been able to keep in touch with each other during the intervening period, when their lives have been disrupted by the upheavals of two world wars. Thus at the re-union they were surprised to find all their old school 'chums' in such varied occupations as farming and engineering, shopkeeping and the medical profession. However, there is no doubt that they all took with great relish the opportunity of renewing several friendships, of reliving school-day memories, and of exchanging the experiences of nearly fifty years of life in the vast world outside of school.

It is on such an occasion as this that we not only look forward to what the next fifty years of Slough's education will bring and what tasks lie before us, but also look back to the origins, and only then do we appreciate how much we owe to those humble beginnings in William Street.

R. S. DAVIS.

THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday, 10th February, 1962, at 6.15 p.m., there was held in St. Mary's Church, Slough, a service of commemoration and dedication for the Jubilee Celebration of Slough Secondary School (1912-1936), Slough Grammar School (1936-1962), and Slough High School (1936-62).

Before the service a 50-minute quarter peal of Plain Bob Major—one minute for each year of the anniversary—was rung by a team of bell-ringers comprising members of both our own school and of the Girls' High School. Many of the officials of the Church also have close connections with one of the three schools; among them are Miss H. Lewis and Mr. Moxham,

who are churchwardens, the Bishop's chaplain, the Rev. Eric Smart, and Mr. T. Sargent, the parochial church council clerk. Mr. J. Moutrie, well known to all our number as music master, acted as organist. The joint choirs of ourselves and the High School were led by Miss Marjorie Davidson, and the lessons were read by Miss Crawford, Headmistress of the High School, and Dr. Long.

Stuart Baxter, our head boy, and his counterpart at the High School, Lesley Gerrish, led the Bishop in procession.

A recording of the service was made by two old boys, Mr. A. G. Barrett and Mr. F. Grosch. It is hoped that there will be sufficient demand for copies to justify the initial expense of having a master copy made, from which gramophone records may be produced.

The address at the service was given by the Bishop of Buckingham, the Right Rev. Gordon D. Savage, and the service was conducted by the Rector of Slough, the Rev. Eric Perkins, who is a governor of the school.

Afterwards nearly 1,000 ex-pupils of the three schools attended the re-union, held at the Slough College of Further Education, which stands on the site of the original Slough Secondary School, in William Street. Before the horde was allowed into the refectory, where refreshments were served and old friends re-lived school-day memories, 'brief three-minute speeches' in honour of the occasion were given by the following: Mr. B. Llewellyn, a member of the original staff; Miss M. K. Francis Smith, daughter of the first headmaster; Mr. Wilson Earl, an old boy of the school; Mrs. G. A. Jennery, a governor of the High School; Miss Crawford, retiring headmistress of the High School; Dr. Long; Mr. D. E. Cooke (a former member of the County Education Committee). Alderman Aubrey Ward introduced the speakers, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor Mrs. E. E. Scott-Pickton, Chairman of the Slough Divisional Education Executive and Chairman of the Governors of the High School, and seconded by Councillor R. F. Dunn, Chairman of the Eton Divisional Education Executive.

The complete event, which was a resounding success, was organized by a committee consisting of Miss Crawford, Dr. Long, Mr. Collin, Miss Cooke (deputy head of the High School), Miss Y. D. Tuddenham, Mrs. J. Barrell, Mr. P. Dunnage, and Mr. V. Wardall.

R. S. DAVIS.

The Devil's Disciple, by Bernard Shaw

Cast:

MRS. DUDGEON	David Parsons
ESSIE	Andrew Morton
CHRISTY	Peter Steinwender
REV. A. ANDERSON	Brian Whelan
JUDITH ANDERSON	Clive Davis
LAWYER HAWKINS	Charles White
WILLIAM DUDGEON	Terence Organ
MRS. WILLIAM DUDGEON	Roger Hodskins
TITUS DUDGEON	John Earl
MRS. TITUS DUDGEON	Kevin Fraser
RICHARD DUDGEON	Clifford Evans
SERGEANT	Keith Elliott
MAJOR SWINDON	David Pratt
GENERAL BURGOYNE	Edward Lucas Smith
CHAPLAIN	Keith Mathias
EXECUTIONER	Simon Thompson

SOLDIERS	J. Murray, E. Husbands, C. Bawden, A. Boul
OFFICERS	D. Parsons, T. Organ, C. White
CROWD	B. Aherne, J. Earl, G. Edwards, K. Frazer, P. Gardner, P. Pike, T. Kingswood, R. Hodskins
Play produced by	Mr. F. D. Gibson
Assistant Producer	Mr. D. S. Madge
Decor	Mr. T. Shelley
Stage Manager	Mr. T. Hooley
House Manager	Mr. J. Wharmby
Lighting	Mr. R. Mills
Musical Director	Mr. J. Moutrie
Scenery Painting	J. Virgo, P. Virgo, P. Hinchcliffe, A. Liszka, A. Weller, K. Roberts
Set Construction	M. Hatt, C. Ramsdale
Prompter	G. Light
Properties	N. Hearn
Costumes	Aubrey Samuels
Period Furniture	The Old Times Furnishing Co.
Programmes and Tickets	The School Printing Club
Wigs by	'Bert'

One of Bernard Shaw's earlier works, the 'Devil's Disciple' was a play with an unconventional theme, and because of this received a very mixed reception in England when it was first performed. It tells the story of Richard Dudgeon, a man who has discarded all the conventional ideas of religion, as are held by the so-called respectable citizens of New Hampshire in the late eighteenth century. As a result of his self-proclamation as a disciple of the Devil he is a social outcast. Yet Dick is, unlike his puritan persecutors, naturally good. The play shows how he decides to take the place of the Rev. A. Anderson at the gallows, when the British, looking for a prominent rebel to hang as an example, call to arrest the minister. The point of the play is that Dick does this, not for love of Judith Anderson, the minister's wife, as she herself supposes, nor to be noble in the conventional sense, but because he just cannot choose to allow the other man 'to put his head in the noose', though he himself does not know why.

The disciple himself was played excellently by Clifford Evans, who looked completely at home throughout the performance. (This could not, incidentally, be entirely attributed to his naturally virtuous attitude.) He was equally effective in portraying Richard's moods of amused mockery and in handling his occasional outbursts of strong feeling. It was a pity that the audience did not appear to appreciate fully the gems of Shaw's characteristically ironic humour in his part.

The profusion of female characters in the play undoubtedly presented the producer and Dramatic Society with a considerable headache. To Clive Davis, with no previous experience behind him, must go considerable credit for the way in which he played Judith Anderson, the Minister's 'silly sentimental wife', even though the effective portrayal of much of her inner, emotional struggle was not unnaturally beyond his range. David Parsons, as the amply proportioned, nagging Mrs. Dudgeon, did well when he remembered not take his lines too quickly, though in his subsequent appearance as an officer his disguise might have been a little more efficient, and Andrew Morton gave a commendable performance as the frail, frightened Essie, showing naturalness in both movement and gesture—not an easy thing for a boy.

Of the male parts, Brian Whelan's attractive presence and pleasing voice made him an excellent Minister Anderson, firstly striving to exorcise the devil from Dick Dudgeon, and finally acknowledging him as a better man than he.

Edward Lucas-Smith, David Pratt and Keith Elliott made a good British Army, for which Shaw, needless to say, shows little respect. The most important of these was the fine character part of General Burgoyne. Lucas-Smith showed an intelligent understanding of this debonair, gentlemanly commander, torn between his duty as a soldier and his natural distaste for the job of hanging a man whose qualities he admired, and he effectively brought out much of the urbane wit of Shaw's lines. Pratt, too, as Major Swindon, the unimaginative professional soldier out to do his duty, brought out well the natural antipathy between himself and his commander, while Elliott's portrayal of the sergeant showed genuine acting ability and a feel for character.

Peter Steinwender gave a very good portrayal of the stupid, idle Christy, and Keith Mathias, Charles White, John Earl and Terence Organ played the smaller parts very convincingly.

The climax of the play finds Clifford Evans, looking profoundly unconcerned, with the noose around his neck, urging the executioner to 'get on with it'. A moment before he is to fall to his doom, the Rev. Anderson rushes in to save him. Credit must go to all concerned for the extremely convincing way in which this was done. The timing and action were almost perfect.

Finally, mention should be made of all those behind the scenes. Indeed, those responsible for the design and painting of the scenery deserve special praise for two very convincing indoor box sets and a striking back drop for the final scene, which looked no less threatening than the gallows itself. Praise too must go to the electricians, carpenters, and indeed to all those who helped to provide what was an extremely good evening's entertainment.

M.C.K. (U VI)

JUNIOR MUSIC AND DRAMA EVENING

On 23rd March, a new venture was undertaken by members of the Junior School (Forms I, II and III). With the help of Mr. T. Hooley and Mr. D. A. Turner, two one-act plays were produced, while, as an interlude, vocal and instrumental music was performed by junior boys under the supervision of Mr. J. Moutrie and Mr. Gully.

The first play—'Higgins', by Ronald Gow—concerns an episode in the life of a well-to-do, eighteenth century highwayman called Higgins; the play reaches its climax when Higgins' pot boy graduates to become a member of his gang and casually announces his name—'Richard Turpin'.

Andrew Morton, in the title rôle of Higgins, although giving a very polished performance which was partly due to previous stage experience, was not ideally suited to the part as his voice was too high-pitched. On the other hand, it was unfortunate that Geoffrey Low's voice was too low for his part as Mary, daughter of Sir Peter Colville. Stephen Moss, a tiny first form boy, gave a fine performance as the pot boy, Richard Turpin. He himself was evidently enjoying the experience and pleased the audience with his easy, relaxed manner. Other members of the cast, P. Willatts, P. Rufus, C. Parker, I. Priede and I. Sturrock, who formed Higgins' gang, backed him up ably and confidently, as did C. Mansfield, J. Whiting and D. Webber as Excise Men, and J. Merritt as Sir Peter Colville.

'Willow, Woe is Me', by Dorothy Carr, was a very enjoyable production. It is a humorous and slightly satirical play about cricket; the northern team of Mucks needs only a few runs during the last over in order to clinch the championship; however, we never know if they get their runs or not, for on the last ball the play ends with a crash of glass and a laugh from the audience as it fully realizes that the play was merely poking fun at cricket.

All the cast is to be congratulated on a lively performance: the captains of the teams, Robert Lang and Barry Ahearne, who had the largest speaking

parts, played very well and succeeded admirably in putting across the satirical humour of the play. The producer, Mr. D. A. Turner, took full advantage of the possibilities offered by the large groups of spectators; they provided many enjoyable, humorous episodes. Since the cast included a large proportion of first form boys, the success of this play is very creditable.

A word of praise is due to those who managed so efficiently the behind-the-scenes-operations in both plays: stage managers, J. Overton, D. Fox and R. Willson; lighting experts, M. Houchin and C. Blount; A. Priede, J. Pell and A. Ward, who provided sound and other special effects; and J. Hamble and J. Treble, who assisted generally behind stage during 'Higgins'.

Music provided by the junior boys reached just as good a standard as the plays. C. Whiteley played three piano solo items by Bartok, and P. Chant, although nerves often hampered his breath control, proved how good a treble voice he has when he sang 'Come, ever-smiling liberty' from Judas Maccabaeus by Handel. Paul Vincent, playing on the violin a Kreisler arrangement of a Weber 'Larghetto', was also nervous, which may account for some poor tuning in one or two places. Generally, his phrasing and interpretation were good.

Three two-part canons, 'Leonidas' by Martin Shaw, 'Ride of the Witch' by Charles Wood, and 'Sweet Nymph' by Thomas Morley, together with a two-part song 'Five Eyes' by Armstrong Gibbs were sung excellently by a junior choir, conducted energetically by Mr. Gully. The choir's tone, phrasing and diction were extremely good throughout.

A. Weller and C. Parker concluded the musical interlude by playing two two-piano duets, 'Tempo di Gavotta' by Boyce and the 'St. Anthony Chorale', arranged by J. Brahms; in these duets a good unity was achieved in timing and dynamic control, although both could have benefited from a more sensitive, perhaps legato, touch.

Hence this junior evening was a great success, demonstrating the abundance of dramatic and musical talent lower down the school. It is to be hoped that this venture will become an established facet of school activity in the future.

C.T.

THE SCHOOL TRIP TO FRANCE—EASTER, 1962

It was at 6.45 a.m.—an unearthly hour of the morning—on Friday, 13th April, which we considered a most unfortunate day for travelling, that the school party, in high but somewhat drowsy spirits, left for France. Despite superstitions associated with the date, the train journey and boat crossing were accomplished without mishap. The train journey from Dieppe to Paris gave us our first glimpse of French countryside, and on arrival we had our first French meal, which, much to our relief, did not include frogs or snails of any variety.

The rest of the evening was our own, and in this short period of time the inevitable happened. One member of the group, who wishes to remain anonymous, succeeded in losing his way. Despite the French police, he managed to find his way to the station in time to catch the train to Annecy. After a rather uncomfortable night journey across France we reached our destination and were soon busy in exploring our new surroundings. Annecy proved to be a pleasantly situated town; it stands on a lake, which is bound on all sides by mountain and thickly-wooded areas. However, the weather did not encourage appreciation of the beauty of the spot. In the course of our stay we went through snow, rain and hurricane-like winds, but this by no means discouraged the photographers amongst us. Armed with their cameras they could be seen busily 'snapping' things which would always remind them of their holiday; the lake, the mountains, Mr. Boardall.



Photo by R. Skidmore, (V.C.)

A back-street in Annecy.

Sunday afternoon was spent in a cruise around the lake of Annecy, culminating in a cable-car trip up Mont Veyrier, but, unfortunately, poor weather prevented us seeing Mont Blanc from the summit. A trip to Geneva had been arranged for the following day, and we spent several enjoyable hours wandering freely through the large city. We were greatly impressed with what little we saw of Switzerland, and for most of us this excursion was one of the highlights of the trip. Naturally enough we experienced initial language difficulties, and in the course of the long Sunday evening meal one of the younger members of the group, wishing to convey to the waitress the idea that he was not hungry, announced, 'Je ne suis pas femme!'

Tuesday was market day in Annecy and many of the streets were lined with voluble Frenchmen, who attempted to sell you anything from hairpins to pomegranates. The more ambitious stopped to haggle, but no one achieved noteworthy success in his transactions. The following day was our last in Annecy and we took the opportunity of having a last look round the place. We had been well treated here and were genuinely sorry to leave, since we had grown to like the pleasant rural atmosphere of the region.

We spent the remainder of the time, three days in all, in Paris. We had rather a hectic time there trying to see as much as possible in our short stay. Nevertheless, we managed to see just about everything, and two coach trips of the city, one by day and the other by night to see the illuminations, were greatly appreciated. The next morning we left Paris on the first stage of the homeward journey. Our luck held and we had a second smooth Channel crossing, and with good English soil once again beneath our feet thoughts turned to home cooking, television and tea.

We should like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the group, to extend our grateful thanks to Messrs. Bower and Boardall, under whose excellent supervision the trip, for many of us a first experience of the Continent, proved an interesting, profitable and most enjoyable experience.

M.R.E., R.J.M., T.P.M.



Drawing by P. Hinchcliffe (L.VI)

'LE BARBIER DE SEVILLE'

This year's production by the Cercle Français was of Beaumarchais' 'Le Barbier de Seville', presented on the 17th and 18th of May. Once again Mr. R. E. Malin is to be congratulated on a highly successful venture, forsaking the farce of Molière for the, perhaps, more sophisticated comedy of an author whose two main works, 'Le Barbier de Seville' and 'Le Mariage de Figaro', are now chiefly known in their operatic settings.

Alan Alderman, as Count Almaviva, and Douglas Garner, as the cunning barber, Figaro, gave the play a good start with a confident and humorous rendering of the expository scene. Their performances in Bartholo's house, when the Count is disguised first as a drunken soldier and later as a student in an attempt to see his lady-love, were expressive and most amusing. The 'female specialist', Robert Moss, was convincing as Rosine, the object of Almaviva's love; besides forming one half of a very natural pair of lovers, he conveyed the comedy of the feigned twisted ankle and the switched letters extremely well.

Martin Willson's Bazile was competent, and he showed an excellent understanding of what an eighteenth-century teacher was like. Derek White-Taylor and Keith Elliott made the most of their single appearance, and their

performances as Bartholo's servants were no less than hilarious. The small rôles of the lawyer and the magistrate were ably filled by John and Peter Virgo.

But perhaps the most spectacular feature was Philip Hinchcliffe's portrayal of the zealous and crusty old Bartholo, Rosine's amorous tutor. He gave himself completely into the part and never faltered in his ranting, stamping and general air of suspicion and distrust. His uninhibited performance was all the more creditable considering he had had no previous experience.

The only criticism of the production is that at times not all the words were clearly audible. Admittedly the play was in a foreign language, with which not all of the audience were conversant, but it is sad that parts of some important speeches were lost through whispering or hurriedness.

The scenery, designed and painted by John and Peter Virgo, was more ambitious than usual, and very effective. The electrician, Andrew Muir, was kept quite busy, but the prompter, Roger Fountain, must have felt unwanted. The stage manager was Mr. G. H. Avis.

For their invaluable help and advice, the Cercle Français is indebted to Monsieur A. Ribeyrol and Mr. R. E. Bower. The producer, Mr. R. E. Malin, is to be congratulated on a most successful and enjoyable presentation.

C. BURLEY.



Drawing by P. Hinchcliffe (L. VI)

RIVER WYE CANOE/CAMPING EXPEDITION, 1961

The party met in the school hall for final briefing and kit check on the last Thursday in August. Outside a thunder storm raged and most of the party were soaked to the skin carrying their kit to school. It was not unexpected, therefore, when some apprehension was shown as the discussion turned to wet weather canoe/camping, and everyone made a careful check of thick sweaters, change of clothes and rainproofs. By the end of the following week many wished they had forgotten to pack all that protective clothing! Capes, sweaters, and extra clothes remained packed as swimming trunks were the most popular dress. Those who had taken umbrellas, however, were thankful, as they made perfect sunshades! Now lets get back to the beginning of the story. . . .

On Saturday, 26th August, 12 boys, led by Messrs. Myatt and Doncaster, and four canoes, were packed into a furniture van, and at 3.30 p.m. that afternoon were deposited at Old Weir Farm, Hereford. The furniture van had been driven to the fields by the river, and the canoes were at once taken to the river and everyone had a trial run before we met our guide an hour later. It was dusk before the bulk of the equipment arrived and totally dark when some of the boys realized that their inflatable mattresses were punctured or without stoppers! These were not replaced until the following day, but all managed to improvise a comfortable bed from the excess sleeping bags.

Very early next morning some of us made our way through the mist to the river. The sun was just visible and everyone was hoping that the weather would be kind. The river was surprisingly warm and tempted many of the party to wash! Breakfast was underway when we got back to the camp site. Everyone lent a hand in clearing up, so the four canoes were soon in the river. Some were more keen than others and decided to explore downstream. Unfortunately, rapids were lying in wait and the explorers found it impossible to paddle their canoes back upstream. They walked back along the bank whilst a certain member of the staff waded upstream, towing the three canoes as well as his own! After this exhausting experience, that member of the staff decided that a gentle paddle upstream and a lazy drift back again would be sufficient exercise for the remainder of the morning.

The afternoon was one of free activities. Bucknall floated his umbrella, only to have it disappear, 'Excalibur fashion'. Fifteen minutes later and 100 yards downstream it re-appeared just as suddenly and in good condition! Hynam had his spirits well and truly dampened when he ran foul of an old piece of iron railing. A two-foot rip in one's canoe hull does let in rather a lot of water. Hynam, still sitting in the canoe, but resting on the river bed, did reply to Mr. Myatt's shouted instructions to paddle the canoe back if possible—fortunately perhaps the reply was lost in the breeze. And Elliott caught a fish!

The next morning we rose later and finally left Old Weir Farm. It was our first attempt at packing, waterproofing and stowing away our equipment—a long process. Luckily the journey to Hereford, our lunch-time stop, was quite short. Even this short run proved too much for Messrs. Myatt and Bucknall; they managed to beg a tow from a motor-launch for a substantial part of the journey. After lunch we made a short visit to the town and cathedral, and then canoed another four miles to Mordiford, our next camping site. Ramsdale had a visitor that night. After being pushed about and hearing heavy breathing, the half-awake Ramsdale told Bucknall to 'Shut up and go to sleep'. The grunted reply came not from Bucknall but from the farm sow.

On Tuesday we canoed to Hoarwithy, another very picturesque village. We had the usual afternoon swim and the choice of stopping place seemed to be determined by the position of two bikini'd girls who sported themselves on the opposite bank. Tentative approaches were made, but the only success achieved was a wave as we departed downstream.



Photo by B. Hynam (L. VD)

'Competitions were held to see how many persons could get in or on a canoe . . .'

That evening we heard our first radio for four days. We were all in camp before 10 p.m., made some cocoa and coffee, and had our usual chat round the 'tilly lamp'.

Ross-on-Wye was reached at about 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon after a 13-mile paddle. Thursday was our rest day. At about 6.30 a.m. Mr. Myatt was dragged from his tent and persuaded to go for an early-morning swim. He had previously said that we should all go for an early-morning dip every day. Most of the party were swimming by 7 a.m. for the river was quite warm owing to the week of exceptional sunshine. By now most of the party were quite brown or raw. Most of us spent the morning having a bath and looking round the town. At Ross, often described as the gateway of the Wye, there is a very old and beautiful market hall. Trading is allowed on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, a tradition dating from the Middle Ages.

Throughout the afternoon we amused ourselves in and about the camp site. Competitions were held, much to the delight of the many spectators, to see which pair could get most water in the canoe without it sinking, how many persons could get in or on a canoe, what list could be obtained and the canoe still righted, etc. After a very enjoyable day we turned in early that night.

Early next morning we made a start for Symond's Yat, our final camping spot. The stretch of river we had to cover was considerably longer than any other section, but made more interesting by numerous rapids. The previous 35 miles of the river passed through flat country, but from Ross the river meanders between thickly wooded hills.

Our first stop that day was at Goodrich Castle, a couple of miles downstream from Ross. The castle stands on the summit of a hill on the south bank of the Wye. The steep scarp rising to a height of more than 100 feet above the water meadows provides a strong natural defence, which is continued along the west side by a deep valley. On the other two sides moats were cut from the rocks. The castle is largely in ruins after several sieges, but it was placed in the care of the Ministry of Works in 1920. Since then preservation and some restoration of the ruins has taken place.

Soon after leaving Goodrich Castle, Ralph Doncaster unintentionally did half an 'Eskimo roll', soaking himself and some of the contents of his canoe. It didn't take long to repack the canoe, and the hot sun took care of Ralph and his damp clothes. Later still our guide took a side channel of the river, but a tree had recently fallen, blocking the stream. The guide managed to avoid it, but Messrs. Bew and Martin, following close behind, were not so fortunate. Their canoe became wedged under the main trunk, and only by abandoning ship very quickly did they manage to prevent their canoe from being swamped. They soon disentangled themselves however, and the fleet moved off again.

At 4.0 p.m. that afternoon we neared Yat Rock (Yat meaning gateway) and shot the best set of rapids that we had met so far. The main stream rushed and churned its way between a steep wooded slope and an island, the canoes being tossed about like corks—a really exhilarating ride. A mile downstream we set up our final camp and quickly prepared our evening meal. That night we had our sing-song and supper round a large bonfire on the pebbled shore of the river.

Most of the party climbed the summit of Yat Rock on Saturday morning. On the way there a freak storm blew up and the party had to shelter in a disused railway station. Large hailstones bombarded us and the rain poured down, driven along by a gale force wind. The storm died as quickly as it started and so we made our way to Yat Rock.

On returning to the camp site we found chaos. Fortunately our individual tents had been packed after breakfast, but they had been scattered over a wide area. The communal tent, left standing to house our personal effects, food, cooking utensils, etc., had been ripped from its guy ropes. To protect the contents of the tent Hynam and Thorpe had heroically clung to the billowing canvas and prevented the tent from being blown away completely. Roberts' canoe had been seen sailing through the air 'at head height'; Mr. Myatt's canoe dragged 30 feet and almost into the river; a huge log which we had been unable to move the night before had been tossed into the river. It had to be seen to be believed!

We had little to eat on the way back because the 100 sandwiches prepared earlier had been reduced to a pulp in the storm. Our rumbling tummies were quietened by a stop after two hours at a transport café. Slough Grammar School was finally sighted again at 6.0 p.m.

Even now the boys who took part in the expedition still discuss the enjoyment they had and some of the outstanding events. In this summary it is difficult to include every amusing incident, but briefly these tit-bits should be mentioned. We camped with cows on Saturday and Sunday, a sheep and pig on Monday; Wednesday and Thursday saw us sharing the field with a horse which had a peculiar appetite for tent flaps and guy ropes, while on Friday we were back with the cows. . . . Who claimed the least number of wasp stings and who claimed the most wasps killed? (One 7 lb. jam-tin full by Bucknall.) . . . Who dug the hole so large that the seat was precarious to say the least? . . . The member of the staff as confident at conducting the choir as handling a chisel. . . . The brief appearance of half-a-dozen pipes, six green faces and the quick resale of tobacco to Mr. Myatt. . . . The strange disappearance of the Scouts' flag-pole. . . . Our angler landed a fish on Sunday; he also made another catch in Ross; has anyone seen the photographs of the happy couple? . . . Has there ever before been more sunshine in one week?

We would like to thank Messrs. Doncaster and Myatt for a wonderful holiday. We understand another similar venture is planned. If this is so we can guarantee that most of last year's party will be there again!

Members of the Party: D. Bew, R. Doncaster, K. Elliott, S. Bucknall, R. Gedge, J. Ford, B. Hynam, S. Martin, C. Ramsdale, P. Roberts and B. Thorpe.

This report compiled from daily diaries kept by the above and edited by David Bew.

SHORT RESIDENTIAL COURSES AT URCHFONTS MANOR, WILTSHIRE

During the past year a few members of the Sixth Form have been on short residential courses at Urchfont Manor, which is a 17th century house, with fine lawns and flower borders, pleasantly situated on the edge of the Salisbury Plain. These courses provided a new and stimulating experience for them—very different from school. Both men and women, old and young, of many occupations, attend these courses and they soon become a friendly group, which has a life of its own for the length of the course. In this atmosphere, away from the pressing demands of school and work, you are free to listen to lectures, join in discussions, read, and listen to music.

The course on 'The City' in the middle of January was well presented and gave to the people on the course a better understanding of the working of 'The City', which was once an object of awe and mystery. The principal lecturer was Mr. F. S. Brooman, M.A., of the Department of Economics, University of Bristol, and he explained the complicate and intricate workings of 'The City' very well, besides retaining an informal atmosphere in the comfortably furnished lecture room/library.

The course on 'The European Economic Community' in the middle of February made the people on the course realize the advantages and disadvantages which might arise if Great Britain entered the Common Market. The problem arising over agriculture was well explained by Mr. G. R. Allen, M.A., of the Institute for Research in Agricultural Economics, University of Oxford.

The courses, which were so designed to set you thinking rather than saturate you with information, seemed far too short, lasting only two days. Nevertheless, the members of the Sixth Form who went on these short residential courses enjoyed themselves and returned to school with a better understanding of 'The City' and 'The European Economic Community'.

P. DERKS

LAKE DISTRICT 1962

On Friday, 13th April, a party of excited youths, with members of staff, squeezed with their luggage into a coach and jubilantly set off on a very fine day to Keswick in the middle of the English Lake District. The long 300-mile journey northwards took us through the Midlands, industrial Staffordshire and N. Lancashire. We arrived at the County Youth Centre, Keswick, at about 7 p.m., to be welcomed by Mac, Mrs. Mac and a large plateful of Mac's special. In the evening, having completed the chores, unpacked and still full of energy, we explored Keswick, and found to our amazement in this small community many coffee bars, cafés and a billiards hall.

Our first three days were of non-traditional lakeland weather, with the sun shining and almost cloudless blue skies. Having broken in our boots with a short walk around Derwentwater on the first day, we attempted a much longer ramble on the second day climbing Causey Pike (2,000 ft.), Scar Crags (2,205 ft.), Sail (2,500 ft.), Eel Crags (2,749 ft.), and Griesdale Pike (2,593 ft.).

Thus, on the third day, as the weather still remained fine, we attempted to climb the 2,847 ft. Blencathra (Saddleback) via the Sharp Edge route under the leadership of Mr. Davies, while Mr. Portus and a few sensible boys took the longer and easier alternative route. We, however, having crossed the difficult Sharp Edge, which was snow-covered in places, and having begun the rock-face ascent, lost the path and were soon stranded on a grassy ledge. Mr. Appleton, attempting to find a suitable route, lost his footing and slipped but he was quickly rescued by Mr. Davies. While this was happening at the head of the party, Mr. Evans, F. Doyle and S. Baggs,

following the proper pathway, managed to reach the summit after negotiating one difficult part. The main party, being unable to retrace its steps or ascend the rock face because of loose rocks, snow and ice, had to descend to the dark Scales Tarn, which is sunk so deep that, according to legend, at high noon the stars may be seen reflected in its depths.

On Wednesday, with the weather changing, we climbed snow-covered Great Gable in the mist, and then crossed to Green Gable. On descending Green Gable I. Wright had the misfortune to slip and hurt his knee. Thus he was carried about 4 miles, down 1,600 ft., to Seathwaite by many willing volunteers. On the following day we went fell-walking in typical lakeland weather, and once the mist was so thick that we walked in a circle of about 75 yds. radius. With this typical lakeland weather persisting, we were unable to climb Helvellyn.

This kind of weather eased a little, although on Easter Sunday thick clouds still hung over Scafell Pike (3,210 ft.—the highest English peak). At the beginning of the ascent at Seathwaite we were confronted by a warning:

'All climbers attempting Scafell Range. Conditions are ALPINE! Should only be attempted by experienced climbers with proper equipment. Already three fatalities this year. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!'

Nevertheless, under the leadership of Mr. Portus, we reached the summit quite easily, although there was a thick cover of snow and the peaks, including Scafell Pike, were still in the clouds. However, we had only been on the summit a few minutes when the clouds receded, giving us a wonderful view of the surrounding peaks bathed in brilliant sunshine. We were also able to see Keswick on Derwentwater, the Pennines and even the Isle of Man. This climb constituted an exciting finish to a well-organized and delightful holiday.

After long walks with only a few blisters, we were able to descend Keswick in full force and 'take over' one of the local coffee bars—'Luchini's'. Some boys went to the local cinema, while others visited the Billiards Hall, which always does a flourishing trade whenever S.G.S. is in Keswick.

While we were in the Lake District we visited the Lodore Falls (near Derwentwater) and Aira Force (near Ullswater), which is a slender fall more than 60 ft. high in a dell of romantic charm and figures in Words-



Watendlath.

Drawing by J. Virgo (L. VI)

worth's tragic poem 'The Somnambulist'—a legend about a sleep-walking maiden who, surprised at midnight on the bridge, falls fatally into the chasm. We also saw the 'Bowder Stone', which is an enormous boulder (glacial erratic) standing perfectly balanced, like a stranded ship resting on its keel. It measures 60 ft. long and 35 ft. high, and its weight is probably about 2,000 tons. So narrow is the 'keel' that two people can shake hands through a hole in its base.

We also made interesting visits to Hadrian's Wall at Housesteads, Furness Abbey, Barrow-in-Furness, Walney Island and Barrow's dockyards (Vickers-Armstrong Ltd.).

We returned, unhappily, to Slough on Easter Monday, with well 'weathered' boots, many presents, Kendal mint cake, and many geological rock specimens. We can now look back on missing clothing and bedding (?), washing-up, chores, feasts of pies and crisps, and newly-made friends, with happy memories.

Finally, our thanks go to our guardians on the trip: Messrs. Portus, Davies, Crocombe, Appleton, and Evans; to our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. MacCambridge and their daughter, Ailsa; and also to our patient and careful driver, Mac.

P. J. DERKS (Upper VI).

SHROPSHIRE, 1961

During October a party of VIth Form geographers initiated a venture new to the school curriculum. It was a stay at Preston Montford Field Centre, near Shrewsbury.

The Centre is a large converted house, with a modern lecture room and library attached. Accommodation is a difficulty and an annexe has been built to take the overflow. The half-mile field walk from annexe to house for breakfast accounted for several empty seats at the table later in the week. From here geographical studies of the surrounding Shropshire countryside could be made.

The point of the course was to give practical knowledge and experience in assessing the physical and human geography of an area. To this aim the days were taken up by walks in different sections of the county studying geological structure, land utilization, population, etc.

To help in determining rock type and in collecting geological specimens, a number of geological hammers were thoughtfully issued. The proud bearers of these weapons soon made the hills ring with enthusiastic attacks on cliffs, hills, quarries, assorted monuments, buildings and anything else that happened to come within range.

The tiny Shropshire villages had a good deal of attention during our population studies. The quiet one-bus-a-week-and-no-pub routine of a village was temporarily disturbed by the clump of heavy boots heralding the approach of a small group of oddly-dressed young men. These proceeded to examine the settlement, asking inane questions on village declination, dormitory towns and glacial effect. Several discreet purchases at the local shop, however, brought eager answers to some questions, and many to questions not even asked. The group then clumped out of the village like minor G.I.'s in a cloud of cigarette smoke and with many invitations to come again.

During the evenings the write-up of the day's work was taken from rough notes, and your neighbour followed by talks or discussions on various associated topics. It is notable that there was little genuine reluctance in note-taking, and the audience to the talks were usually attentive and appreciative. This speaks well for the interesting nature of the work. After this we retired to the hazy atmosphere of the Common Room for cards and argument with our companionable inmates from Walsall.

The course was a fine success, combining a good deal of hard work with much pleasure and enjoyment. Also the structure of the course satisfied much of the student's desire to be treated as adult for we were granted a fair measure of independence with few restrictions. A strict ban on certain places of liquid refreshment caused groans and complaints and perhaps was not wholly necessary.

The credit for the great success of the course must go to the Warden of the Centre who risked having us, to Mr. Evans for his organization and instruction, and to our own Mr. Portus, who could be relied on for any additional help or information.

R. JOHNSON (L VI)



TRAVELS IN ITALY

On the morning of Friday, 13th April, 1962, a party of thirty-one excited schoolboys departed by coach for Victoria Station to start a thirteen-day tour of Italy under the leadership of Mr. Turner and Mr. Slater. At Victoria we ate our last hot meal until the following evening in Florence. After a short journey to Folkestone we had a magnificent Channel crossing in the very latest ferry, called 'Sarnia', which took us to Calais. At Calais a special school's train awaited to transport us to Milan. This journey lasted sixteen hours, travelling through France during the evening and night. But efforts were made to gain a few precious hours of sleep, but no more than five or six hours' sleep was obtained by most, even though some found the luggage racks very comfortable! In the early hours of the morning we crossed the border into Switzerland at Basle, and the next few hours were spent admiring and photographing the snow-capped Swiss Alps in a blizzard. We then descended through the mountains and lakes into Italy and arrived in Milan at about midday.

Our first impression of Italians was very poor when we found our reserved compartments on the train to Florence being invaded by angry Sicilians, who just threw their cases through compartment windows and tried to push themselves on the train. Although we retained our seats, the corridors were jammed with cases and we had a very dismal journey through blizzards to Florence. On our arrival in Florence we were taken to our hotel in a modern coach, and after eating a hearty meal we explored the city for a short while before regaining lost sleep.

The next morning was spent sight-seeing in Florence, visiting the famous bridges and the St. Miniato al Monte Church, which towers over the city. In the afternoon we visited nearby Fiesole, touring famous religious buildings. By now the weather had changed to true Italian sunshine.

We arose fairly early the next morning to catch a train to Rome. The weather was so warm that most of the view from the train was engulfed in a steamy mist, but nevertheless the journey was very pleasant. We were taken from Rome Station by coach, via the city centre, to a convent in the outskirts. The afternoon was free and I took the chance of trying public transport into the city centre. Italian buses are very much more efficient than English ones. One just steps on at the rear and pays the fare to the conductor, who sits behind a little counter (the fare is the same for any length of journey) and progresses down the corridor until the time for dismounting (through the front doors). There are few seats and these are only occupied by people who travel longer distances. The shopping centre is a fascinating place, and many purchases were subsequently made by members of the party from the numerous shops and stalls. Most clothes and luxuries are much cheaper in Italy, but not sweets and soft drinks.

Tuesday morning was spent sight-seeing. We visited all the famous ruins, including the Forum, Arch of Constantine and—most impressive of all—the Colosseum. Also we saw Mussolini's wartime headquarters and the great marble monument built as a memorial to Victor Emmanuel, called the Altar of the Nation. The afternoon was spent souvenir shopping, but on Wednesday morning some of us formed an international nine-a-side football team to play a similar team of Italian boys behind the Colosseum. We were at a disadvantage in age and weight and unfortunately lost 8-2! We found the Italians very good sports who cheered every good piece of play instead of every good Italian.

On Wednesday afternoon we visited the mighty St. Peter's in Vatican City. To most this was the most impressive building in Rome. The interior is splendidly decorated with paintings and carvings to the last square inch, and the floor space is two and half times that of St. Paul's. This visit was a magnificent climax to our stay in Rome.

At three o'clock the following day a coach arrived to transport us to Piano di Sorrento. This journey took us six hours with a stop at Terracina. We passed through some beautiful countryside, as well as travelling along the Via Appia and two autostradas. Italian coaches are generally much more comfortable than British, and a very popular addition is the klaxon, which gives a far better warning than an ordinary hooter. As we progressed further south we saw our first orange trees, and while we stayed in Sorrento oranges became a major part of our diet. Our hotel was very modern and served excellent meals, including extra long spaghetti. The sea was only a few hundred yards away and the next day saw everybody sunbathing or swimming in warm Mediterranean waters. The day was the hottest of the holiday, with temperatures well over 100 deg. F. in the sun. Nearly everyone was sunburnt after a few hours and the sand was unbearable to stand on.

The morning of Saturday, 9th April, was spent at Pompeii. This excavated town was most impressive, with its preserved streets and buildings situated at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius. We were guided around all the paths, theatres, houses and gardens by an English speaking guide, who related

many interesting facts to us concerning the town. Later in the day we visited Salerno and stopped for lunch at Amalfi. The weather was very dull and eventually it rained, continuing until the following morning.

Easter Sunday saw us struggling to the summit of Mt. Vesuvius. The mountain is entirely covered with volcanic ash, and many different and interesting species of rock were collected. A guide took us around the crater edge, showing us steam vents and other interesting features. Looking from the summit one can see the country around for many miles, although the view was hazy while we were there. In the afternoon many boys took the last chance of buying souvenirs in Sorrento.

It was an early rise next morning (half-past five), and having eaten our breakfast we travelled by coach back to Rome on the first leg of our long trail home, by the same route as we had come out. Two days later we reached Calais after not quite an uneventful journey. For at Milan coaches had been reserved for us on the wrong train and we had been travelling for a few hours before the guard informed us that the train was going to Zurich and not Basle. An awkward situation was averted by the Swiss authorities making special arrangements on our behalf. The express was stopped and another train held back so that we could reach Basle in time for our connection to Calais. Despite some delays it is very noticeable how much better the Continental railways are than their British counterpart—especially the Swiss railways.

At Calais we boarded the French Railways steamer 'Cote d'Azur', and an hour and a half later we docked at Folkestone and thirty-one innocent boys passed through the Customs and on to the London train! Some were glad to see England again, but others, including myself, were sorry that the end had arrived. From Victoria we travelled to school by coach, where many parents and the sun welcomed us back.

The journey was over, but I am sure many memories will remain for a long time. The tour was a complete success, and once again we must thank Mr. Turner and Mr. Slater (the party has already offered its thanks personally in Sorrento) for being such wonderful sports and accepting a great responsibility by supervising us for nearly a fortnight.

A. PELL (IV A)



Photo by P. Dando (V C)

Roman Forum

CADET NOTES

This has been a most successful year for the School Company. Under the outstanding leadership of C.S.M. Daly, loyally supported by his senior N.C.O.'s, Sergeant Cobbett and Corporals Thomas and White-Taylor, the membership has risen during the year to sixty, the highest for many years. Moreover, our contingent at camp this summer will be fifty strong. This exceeds by a wide margin any previous figure since the war. The camp will be at Felixstowe, within shouting distance of the seashore, from the 12th to 22nd August—still for the nominal fee of £1.

We can congratulate the Part I Squad, who took their Certificate 'A' examination in April. All passed and most of them with a 'credit'. We wish the Part II Squad similar success in July.

The standard of turn-out and drill has been consistently high, and this, together with the larger numbers, enabled the Company to play an important part in lining the route in Slough when Her Majesty the Queen visited our borough.

A new venture this year has been the cadre for junior N.C.O.'s, arranged and instructed by the County Training Officer, Major A. C. Jones, who for this purpose made the journey from Aylesbury twice weekly for several weeks. We are continually in debt to Major Jones and to S.M.I. Conway (also from Aylesbury) for their indispensable help and encouragement, and also to the County's long-suffering Quartermaster, Captain Suckling, who has looked after us for many years now. On the cadre, L/C. Loomes gained the best grade, and L/C.'s Smith and Benton did well.

We were sorry to lose as County Commandant, Brigadier Sir Henry Floyd, on his appointment as Lord Lieutenant. The new Commandant is Colonel D. H. Morris, T.D.

However, as any Commandant would be the first to admit, the essence of a voluntary movement is the quality of its recruits. We are, therefore, particularly glad to welcome the very promising band of third formers who joined the Company just before Christmas. They have made astonishing progress and we expect from among them some fine N.C.O.'s in the future.

All the N.C.O.'s have been especially active this year in attending to their many diversified duties—most of them of a responsible nature—in administration, instruction, organizing outings, manoeuvres, the Christmas party, renovating the .22 rifle range, running the canteen, the 'shop', the committee and, perhaps most important of all, supervising the maintenance of weapons and signal equipment. It is thus most gratifying to note that C.S.M. Daly has been accepted, subject to his attaining the required academic standards, by the Army as a Sandhurst Cadet. We have not yet received the result of L/C. Benton's application for Cranwell.

The Signals Section has for many years been a distinguishing feature of this Company. There are now clear signs that the powers-that-be are to place much more importance on this kind of training in the A.C.F. Our signallers can, therefore, look forward to better things—not least, their own room in our promised new accommodation.

Finally, we were glad to receive confirmation at the School Half centenary celebrations from two founder members of the School Company, that it was formed as a Company of the Bucks Cadet Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, in February, 1915.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND CHORAL SOCIETY

Conductor: Mr. Moutrie. Leader of Orchestra: S. Baxter.

As most of the larger musical undertakings in the School are performed with the combined efforts of the School Orchestra and the Choral Society, it has been thought fitting to write a report on them both under the one heading.

There is no doubt that the School Orchestra is expanding by leaps and bounds. Last year I was pleased to report that we had newly inaugurated a brass section. This section has increased in number and now consists of two trombones, two horns and two trumpets, all played by boys of the School. This year we have welcomed into our ranks three clarinetists (Edward Lucas-Smith, Peter Robson and Colin Parker) and one simple-system oboist (Keith Rowe). In these four boys we have the beginnings of what should prove to be a very able and competent woodwind section. There are also two boys specializing in percussion instruments (Christopher Willson, timpani, and Godfrey Moore, side-drum). Besides these new arrivals we have expanded in the string section, having now three 'cellists, four viola players and twelve violinists.

Last Easter a concert was given in the School Hall, when Herr Albrecht Endriss (our German Assistant) played the Solo in a Vivaldi Violin Concerto in A Minor. At that concert Mr. Moutrie played Bach's Italian Concerto on the pianoforte and the Choir sang 'Hiawatha' by S. Coleridge-Taylor. On that occasion we were pleased to have with us Mr. R. Sinton, who sang the Tenor Solo.

At the end of the last School year, in July, another concert was given, when Stuart Baxter played the Solo in a Vivaldi Violin Concerto in G Major. During the evening Colin Parker sang a song cycle by Beethoven. To finish, the Choir, under the baton of Colin Timms, gave a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, 'Trial by Jury'.

The big occasion of the year was undoubtedly the Concert of Advent and Christmas Music given in early December. At this concert the Orchestra and Choir, conducted by Colin Timms (who had also rehearsed the Choir), rendered the Bach Cantata, 'Sleepers Wake!' The Solo parts were sung by Mr. Moutrie (Tenor Recitative), Michael Houchin (Bass Recitative), with Philip Chant, David Webber, Adrian Weller, Colin Parker and Julian Underwood singing the other solo parts. Stuart Baxter played the Violin Obligato in the duet. We were pleased to have with us for this performance Mr. C. Taylor and Miss Olivia Powys-Lybbe, who played the Oboe Obligato in the same work.

Our two oboist friends, aided by the Orchestra, played an Oboe Concerto by Albinoni. The Choir sang two motets, 'O magnum mysterium' and 'Hodie Christus natus est', and the whole Orchestra and Choir combined together to play and sing R. Vaughan-Williams' 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols', in which M. Houchin sang the Baritone Solo and Mr. Willis (a 'cello teacher) played the 'cello solo. For this last work the percussion section was augmented by the addition of a set of hand-made tubular bells, played by Douglas Garner. To end the concert the Orchestra and Choir rendered 'On this day earth shall sing', by H. C. Stewart. This work, originally written for organ and choir, was scored to fit the requirements of our Orchestra and Choir by Mr. Moutrie.

On the Tuesday following the concert the Choir went to Datchet Baptist Church, where they gave a performance of the Bach Cantata, the soloists taking the same parts as before. The Choir also sang a selection of carols and some extracts from Handel's 'Messiah'.

It is most encouraging to note more and more how many boys of the School are taking an active part in music-making. We have always had a good Choir and a fairly competent Orchestra, but now we are beginning to produce some really good soloists and a first-rate conductor. This, I

think, has been the most gratifying point of our year's activities in making music for the School. I hope and trust that those who will be in the School next year will carry on the work, keeping up the high standard which has been set.

On the 24th March a group of our boys went to the Aylesbury Orchestral Day, where all had a very enjoyable time. There is expected to be another such day in July, when we hope to be able to send another party of boys from the School.

With the Slough Arts Festival approaching, the Orchestra is practising hard on its contribution. We hope to play the 'Bourree' from Handel's 'Water Music', and 'Creation's Hymn' by Beethoven. The Choir is also practising hard on the set pieces and also on Madrigals.

A new venture has been started in the form of a String Quartet. This has been formed by four members of the Orchestra—Stuart Baxter and Hugh Field (violins), Brian Attock (viola), and David Pratt (cello). In spite of our very short existence we have entered for the Slough Arts Festival, when we shall play the Andante from one of Mozart's String Quartets.

S. BAXTER (Leader of Orchestra)

THE ASSEMBLY CHOIR

Since the Assembly Choir now tends to overshadow the Choral Society in size, importance and number of performances, it is perhaps worthy of further mention, although most of the occasions at which it performed have already been dealt with in the combined Orchestral and Choral report.

It is unfortunate from our point of view that at the end of the Summer Term the School lost Mr. McCabe, who, although primarily a modern languages master, was instrumental, perhaps more than anyone else, in raising the standard of choral singing during the four years he was with us. The members of the Choir are very grateful for all Mr. McCabe's assistance, and wish him a happy time at Bournemouth, where he has now been teaching for a year.

The training of the Assembly Choir was taken over by Colin Timms, of the sixth form, at the beginning of 1961, and in last year's Slough Arts Festival it was awarded a higher number of marks than any other choir in any group. Three madrigal groups took the first three places in this section.

One occasion when the Choir sang which has not been mentioned earlier is the Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration of the Jubilee Celebrations of Slough High School and of our own School. The Assembly Choir united with the Choir of the Girls' High School to sing the movement 'How lovely are Thy dwellings' from Brahms' Requiem. This was a most inspired performance and one which will live a long time in the memory of those who were present.

C.T.

SLOUGH ARTS FESTIVAL, 1962

A large number of our boys entered the musical competitions of the Slough Arts Festival. A list of the results achieved is given below, though it should be borne in mind that in some of the classes where we have claimed first place there was no opposition.

FIRST PLACES

- (a) C. Whiteley—Piano (13-14 years).
- (b) A. Weller and C. Parker—Piano duet (13-14 years).
- (c) Colin Timms—Harmonizing a melody at sight.
- (d) R. Ferris, K. Rowe and Clive Timms—Recorder ensemble (any age).
- (e) S. Baxter—Violin solo (17-20 years).
- (f) S. Baxter, H. Field, B. Attock and D. Pratt—String quartet.

- (g) School Choir.
- (h) Madrigals.

SECOND PLACES

- (a) M. Harding and C. Whiteley—Piano duet (13-14 years).
- (b) E. Lucas-Smith—Wind instrument.
- (c) School Orchestra.
- (d) P. Chant—Boys' solo (11 years and over).
- (e) A. Weller and C. Parker—Vocal duet (under 16).

THIRD PLACES

- (a) Junior Choir.
- (b) C. Whiteley and D. Webber—Vocal duet (under 16).
- (c) M. Houchin—Bass solo (open).
- (d) C. Parker—Boys' solo (11 years and over).

Perhaps the most interesting class was the Madrigal Competition, in which three evenly balanced groups of boys, trained by Colin Timms, Clive Timms and Peter Pike impressed the adjudicator by their sensitivity and musicianship.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: P. Spooner. Secretary: M. G. Solomon. Treasurer: J. P. Burden.

The climax of the year's activity for the Society was the annual conversazione, which was extended this year to include several other societies. It had been intended to exhibit the results of the Dale Fort expedition, but this trip was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute owing to the small-pox epidemic in South Wales. Nevertheless, the exhibition was as successful as ever, and in addition to a comprehensive display on the theme 'Movement', an illustrated lecture was given on 'The Pentadactyl Limb'.

During the Spring Term two films on 'Pond Life' were shown as an introduction for the pond-life quests to be held in the summer.

Some fourth form members of the Society have been looking after the aquaria this year, and have restocked some of the tanks with the results of several angling expeditions.

More recently a large group of badger sets has been under the observation of several sixth form members of the Society. The activities so far undertaken have included the mapping out of the sets, feeding and drinking places, and the observation by night of the badgers themselves. We are particularly interested in locating other sets in the area, and would welcome any information on this point.

We would like to thank Dr. Columbo and all others who have given help to the Society.

M. G. SOLOMON.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman: J. Le Page. Treasurer: M. Billington.

This year has been marred by the poor attendances at all the meetings. From a total of 60 members no more than twelve have come to any one meeting.

The year started with several film shows, to one of which both the High School and St. Bernard's Convent were invited, but the High School was unable to accept. These were followed by a visit to Simmond's Brewery in Reading during the Christmas holidays. In the Spring Term we had a lecture on the building of the Kariba Dam and more film shows.

The Society had many exhibits in the annual conversazione at the end of the Spring Term, and thank those members who helped to make it a success.

At the time of writing we have plans for visits to factories, our third annual quiz with the High School (the score now is one all), another lecture and, of course, some more films during the Summer Term.

P. GRIMWOOD (Secretary).

CONVERSAZIONE, 1962

Geographical and Geological Society

This new Society took part for the first time this year in the school's annual *Conversazione*, at which the sixth form showed to both parents and pupils the work which they had done on a field study course in Shropshire. The purpose of such a course was to gain at first hand some appreciation of the variety of landforms and the human response to them in Shropshire, which is a county divided in two by the River Severn, with a lowland area in the north and a highland area in the south.

During the *Conversazione* the sixth form geographers explained the display in the Geography Room and in the Hall. P. J. Derks and G. Thomas gave an illustrated lecture concerning mainly field utilization, relief, geology and glaciation of Shropshire.

It is hoped that with many future field courses the Geographical and Geological Society will be able to build up a larger display.

P. J. DERKS.

Scientific Society Section

Making full use of the variety of apparatus available from the physics and chemistry departments, the Society provided a creditable display of demonstrations. Many pieces of apparatus were home-made or assembled by members of the Society.

The main theme in the physics section was 'magnetism and electricity'. Magnetic fields were illustrated and numerous magnetic phenomena were demonstrated, arousing the curiosity, if not the wholehearted interest, of the spectators. The more nervous of the latter kept at a respectful distance from the Van De Graaf generator in the high voltage section, but found this instrument, together with the induction coil and discharge tubes, quite interesting. There was also a large section on wireless mechanics, including a cathode ray oscilloscope, a little less spectacular, but no less interesting.

In the chemistry section there was no less variety of subjects. Demonstrations of qualitative analysis were competently done with semi-micro apparatus. Also shown were the preparations of organic compounds, the production of dyes and a working model of a gas works. (The efficiency of this model was a little doubtful, however, five standard bunsen burners being required to light one micro-bunsen!) In the physical chemistry section conductivity measurements and methods of purification were demonstrated.

The Society wishes to thank all those who showed their interest in the *conversazione*, and Messrs. R. Mills, D. Mansfield and R. Vivash for their invaluable guidance and advice.

M.C.K.

Natural History Society

Locomotion. Not a long word or a short word, not in fact a difficult word. Made up of exactly ten letters of the Roman alphabet, the significance of this word to biologists is not obvious. Or is it? Well, the Natural History Society was confronted with the following problem. How does one illustrate the various aspects of Locomotion in Living Organisms to a theoretically ignorant audience made up of parents, assorted teachers and school boys and girls?

There are eighteen sixth-form biologists, and the first problem was to decide who was going to do what. Volunteers were numerous (eighteen in fact) and work eventually got under way at about zero hour minus five weeks. All systems were 'go', as they say in higher circles, and slowly at first but surely most systems went. Those which survived the initial onslaught of criticism remained and were adopted as exhibition policy.

The 1st year sixth concentrated on a very ambitious project showing the internal structure of plants (Plant Anatomy). Members of the 2nd and 3rd year sixth were allocated, individually or in groups of two, specific phyla, that is a definite group of animals fundamentally similar. For example

—fish (Pisces), amphibia, reptilia, mammalia and birds (Aves)—to mention only a few. The sixth formers were asked (pleaded with or ordered according to individual conditions of temperament and/or size) to investigate fully the methods of Locomotion and the type of nervous control needed for Locomotion in their respective animal types—the swimming of a fish, the jumping of a frog, or even the primitive slurp (very unethical term, but its descriptive powers are admirable) of an amoeba.

Having decided this much there was a 'free-for-all' to secure text-books and advanced reference books, which is indicative of the thirst for knowledge in the modern youth (regardless of the fact that they should have known it all anyway).

Scalpels were sharpened, animals slaughtered and the work began. Muscular systems and nervous systems were cunningly displayed. The dissections then were recorded by pencil on paper and explanatory notes gleaned out of thin air. Gradually the pattern of the exhibition clarified ('order out of chaos' is too much of a cliché).

By Tuesday high noon the exhibits were marshalled in evolutionary order starting with the Protozoans, including all the main animal phyla, and ending with the mammals.

Paper arrows were cut out and painted various colours and attached to strategic points about the laboratory. This operation was encouraged by comments of 'No one follows the arrows'. 'O.K., O.K.', retorted the civic-minded person, 'so no one follows the arrows. Who cares?' But rumour hath it that some people did and ended up in the strangest, most inconvenient places. They may still be there now—well, at least they can sit down.

However, on the night everything went smoothly. Individual exhibits were admired, and M. Solomon gave an excellent illustrated talk about the Pentadactyl limb (an example of which is probably supporting this magazine now). A rather passive 'Dale Fort' exhibit was ingeniously supplemented, in darkest secrecy, by an informal showing of colour slides taken on previous expeditions to the Field Centre.

We would like to record our appreciative thanks to both Dr. Colombo and Mr. Binstead for their advice and patient guidance, and also to acknowledge the helpful co-operation of our laboratory assistant, Mrs. Taylor, without whom many things would not have been possible.

M.J.B.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Senior Librarian: I. D. Stuart.

Librarians: P. Attock, D. Beer, D. Bowley, C. Burley, P. Gardner, D. Pratt.

During the Summer Term extra shelves were installed in the Library, giving us much more space and enabling us to arrange our stock in a much less cramped way. During the year several hundred new volumes have been added covering a wide range of subjects.

It is pleasing to note that both our membership and circulation has increased, and that the Library's facilities are being well used.

In mid-February an exhibition of Penguin books was held in the Library. This gave us the opportunity of seeing the wide range of subjects available in paper-back form, for virtually the whole Penguin catalogue was on display. Many boys took advantage of the chance to order copies of the publications.

The Librarians would like to thank all those boys who have presented books to the Library during the past year. Also, I wish to thank the Librarians and the corps of junior assistants for the work they have performed; we would all like to acknowledge the guidance given us by Mr. Gibson in all aspects of Library business.

I. D. STUART (Librarian)

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

This is the fifth year of the existence of the S.C.M. and, not surprisingly, many members, particularly in the middle school, have become apathetic. It has therefore been a time of critical reappraisal of our purpose and methods rather than of great progress, and there has been a great deal of thought and discussion among our sixth form members.

Each week we held a main meeting at 4.0 p.m. on Thursday. Because of the wide age range present, during the Easter Term, 1962, we held two main meetings, one for juniors (1st and 2nd form) and one for seniors (3rd to 6th form), with occasionally a combined meeting. Two small committees have been formed to organize each section of the group and this has resulted in a certain revival of interest in the fifth and sixth forms. Discussions, open to everyone, have been held regularly during the evenings in the houses of various members. Junior and senior prayer meetings have been held weekly. Judging by the support for these meetings less than ten per cent of our members regard prayer as important enough to come even occasionally. We would ask our senior members particularly to think about the importance of prayer. Over twenty study groups are now held in the lunch-hour each week and, though there is a rather careless attitude among many who attend, these groups do attract by far the greater proportion of our members.

In this report we would like to thank Vaughan Tong, our leader for three years, and Mr. McCabe, both of whom left us last summer, for the great amount of time and energy they put into the running of the Society. Our thanks go also to Mr. Moutrie for helping out as our sponsor during the Christmas Term. We welcome Mr. Slater and Mr. Crocombe, who joined us in September and who have since helped the group a great deal.

The purpose of the S.C.M. is not only to provide a fellowship for those who are Christians, but to present Christianity as a way of life to all members of this school. Ultimately this can only be carried out by means of prayer and personal witness, and we would ask, therefore, all Christians to come forward and actively support us. During the coming year we could well adopt the saying of William Carey, the great missionary: 'Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.'

THE COMMITTEE.

JAZZ CLUB

Chairman: R. Davis. Vice-Chairman: H. Duffy.
Secretary: D. Airley. Treasurer: C. Evans.

Since the last annual report the club has experienced a marked change both in the meetings held and in the membership.

In previous years, according to the preference of the committee, the emphasis has been on either traditional or modern jazz. This year, however, the club has held two meetings per week in the lunch breaks on Thursday and Friday, one meeting for traditional jazz and the other for modern dancing. Thus all members have been catered for.

The membership this year has not been confined to the sixth form. Several fifth formers have joined the club and also one second former.

The meetings have consisted of records from members' private collections, and the club is extremely grateful to both Mr. Willett and Mr. Boardall, who have attended the meetings in charge of the school's record player.

Members of the club have attended jazz concerts by famous American jazzmen, including John Coltrane, 'Dizzy' Gillespie and Les Wright.

The club's funds have not been allowed to lie idle as in previous years, for the club has joined the National Jazz Federation, which includes membership of the world-famous Marquee Club.

D. AIRLEY (Secretary).

GEOGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Chairman: H. P. Duffy. Secretary: P. J. Derks.

During the Spring Term of this year the Geographical and Historical Society, formed in March, 1953, split into the Geographical and Geological Society, and the Historical Society, in order to widen their respective fields of activity. As the Geographical and Geological Society was formed near the end of the Spring Term, the Society has been unable to provide any activities for its members. However, the new very active committee has already planned at the time of writing (April) for the Summer Term film shows on Nigeria and on oil and coal, a geological lecture, and a visit to places of geographical and geological interest.

During the Spring Term the sixth form geographers, under the auspices of the Geographical and Geological Society, joined with the Natural History, Photographic and Scientific Societies in their annual conversation, in which a display of the work done at the Field Study Centre, Preston Montford, Shropshire, was shown.

The membership of this new Society is about 100 and shows that there is a general interest in Geography and Geology in the school.

P. J. DERKS (Secretary).

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Willett. Vice-Chairman: H. Duffy.
Secretary: C. H. Benton. Committee: C. Evans, R. Davis.

The Society has enjoyed a moderately active year, with debates at intervals of approximately three weeks. Motions debated ranged from the need in this country for a new major political party, to the English Channel. In the Easter Term an inter-house competition was arranged. H. Duffy and C. Evans, of Herschel House triumphed in the face of valiant opposition from Gray House. We are grateful to the Headmaster and to the members of the staff who adjudicated the individual rounds.

Interesting as the above programme was, however, it failed to attract large numbers of people. Even when a highly efficient publicity machine was brought into action the support for the Society did not increase. One can only conclude that the majority of the school is either blind or deaf, or both blind and deaf. It is sincerely hoped that the Society's membership will increase in the succeeding years.

C. H. BENTON.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

President: Dr. W. R. V. Long. Secretary: Ian D. Stuart.
Chairman: B. Attock. Treasurer: Denis Bowley.

The past year has been fairly successful for the Society, and we have attempted to fulfil our aim of furthering the appreciation of music in all parts of the school.

The Winter Term in particular was extremely busy—a meeting being held every week. At these meetings records were played, the selection being presented by various members. Although recorded recitals have been played a great part in this year's activities, the committee has also arranged for several 'live' recitals to be given. Our thanks must be given to those boys who performed for us.

As in previous years Mr. Moutrie was able to obtain tickets for the Robert Mayer series of operas at Sadler's Wells, and those members who attended had the opportunity of seeing six operas—including the new productions of 'The Rake's Progress', 'La Bohème' and the first production in English of Richard Strauss' 'Ariadne on Naxos'.

It is our hope that the Society will continue to flourish, and that it will have the support of many boys in all parts of the school.

I. D. STUART.

THE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: R. Darnell. *Treasurer:* D. Dilnot. *Secretary:* M. C. Freeman.

Despite the fact that the Society's previous Chairman and Treasurer left us at the end of the Summer Term, the Society has managed to keep in existence and its activities during the year have been fairly vigorous.

During the Autumn Term many meetings were held and an excellent show of coloured lantern slides was given by one of the Society's members. At half-term a tour over B.O.A.C.'s headquarters at London Airport was arranged—a visit which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

Last December a party of twenty boys visited the Vickers-Armstrong Aircraft Works at Weybridge. This visit was of great interest to everyone and, again, it was enjoyed by all who took part. Whilst on the trip we were able to see Vanguard and VC-10 aircraft on the production lines.

The Society was comparatively inactive during the Easter Term, but during the Summer Term it is hoped to hold several meetings, including a competition and at least one film show of American Air Force films. The Society is also hoping to arrange visits to an air display and to the De Havilland Aircraft Works at Hatfield.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Blagrove for giving so freely of his spare time to supervise our meetings and trips.

M. C. FREEMAN (Secretary).

CHESS CLUB

Chairman: Mr. J. Moutrie. *Secretary:* P. J. Derks.
Treasurer: M. R. Stenning.

The membership of the Chess Club this year has risen to over 80. Also it is very pleasing to see many members attending the Tuesday and Thursday dinner-time meetings, which are run by senior members of the club and are becoming increasingly popular.

During this season the School Chess Teams, both the seniors, under their captain, J. Mearns, and the juniors, under their captain, J. Grant, have had a very successful season, the seniors winning nine out of their fourteen matches and drawing two, and the juniors winning thirteen out of their fifteen matches. The senior team was J. Mearns (capt.), H. Froggatt, A. Elliston, P. J. Derks, P. Steinvender and R. Moss, with M. Freestone, M. French and C. Marshall filling in the gaps which occurred. The junior team was chosen from J. Grant (capt.), R. Pallett, A. Cross, P. Firth, A. Thatcher, B. Shelley and J. Stanford.

The senior team once again took part in the *Sunday Times* National Chess Tournament, but it was defeated by Windsor Grammar School in the first round.

Our thanks again this year go to Mr. Moutrie, who keeps a watchful eye on both the Chess Club and the School Chess Team.

P. J. DERKS (Secretary).

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman and Chemist: G. E. Taylor. *Vice-Chairman:* H. J. Roberts.
Secretary: P. Skillings. *Treasurer:* P. Serjent.

Once more the Society has had a very successful year. The programme has been interesting, full and varied, and we have been given several talks by outside experts. Our membership has increased to more than fifty and we have correspondingly increased our facilities for enlarging and for the use or purchase of chemicals, paper and film. In December we purchased a new enlarger, complete with rangefinder, bringing our total up to three.

Apart from the daily use of the dark room for members' personal use,

photographs have been taken of the junior forms, school teams, and for passports and university applicants. We have had demonstrations by our own members and by Messrs. Mills and Crocombe, Mr. Lloyd of G. D. Peters' Camera Club, and by Mr. Carden of High Wycombe Photographic Society.

This year for the first time we have had regular competitions to encourage a higher standard of photography. The standard of work submitted to the competitions is improving, but we should like to see more members entering.

At this year's *Conversazione* we gave a demonstration of processing with diagrams and a practical demonstration. We exhibited our own prints, and Kodak and Ilford also loaned material for display.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Taylor and Dr. Colombo for putting up with our constant nuisance, and to Mr. Mills for his help to us at all times.

P. SKILLINGS (Secretary).

THE THEATRE AND FILM SOCIETY

Chairman: P. Newby. *Treasurer:* D. Pratt. *Secretary:* D. Ray.
Committee: P. Newby, D. Pratt, D. Ray.

This year has seen a staggering rise in assessable membership. This has increased by over 1,000 per cent to an all-time record of 10. Most experts are agreed that this is entirely due to our worthy Chairman's remorseless membership drive.

In 1961 we showed the film 'Westfront 1918'. Some skilful diplomacy from our worthy Treasurer brought in enough 'donations' from this evening to keep us floating for the rest of the year. The film 'The Stars Look Down' was shown in October—the worthy projectionist and I enjoyed it, despite the echo and draughts. During the Easter Term we climbed the north face of the Queen's Theatre and took the back row of the '5s.' there to spend a pleasant evening drinking in Anthony Newley. Later that term our worthy sponsor raised a group and reached the '3s.' of the Theatre Royal without using oxygen. This is thought to be a record.

For their unflagging energies the Supreme Committee acknowledge the help received from Brothers B. Thorpe (Catering), J. Virgo (Public Relations Executive), A. Muir, (Kinematography), H. Smith (Chucker-out), T. Heisz (Assistant Chucker-out), also A. Mayo (Connivancier), and Brother P. Slater (Post-boy and Critic). Furthermore we wish to acknowledge Mr. Willet's guiding finger. Finally, we should all like to express our warm and sincere thanks to the worthy Secretary for his devoted service to our worthy cause.

D. RAY (Hon. Secretary).

ANGLING SOCIETY

Chairman: K. L. Elliott. *Secretary:* D. M. Parsons. *Treasurer:* R. Loomes.

The Angling Society enjoyed a very successful season. Although the weather has often been against us the attendances have been very good. The catches taken were heavier and the ardour displayed by 1st and 2nd form members is encouraging. The best fish was taken by K. Elliott, as was the best bag. For this he received the Angling Society Cup. The wooden spoon was won by A. Jones, who performed the unique feat of going to Sonning twice and weighing in nothing on either occasion. The Moore brothers took the Hard Luck prize for losing a rod top, a keep net and a fishing stool, and falling in twice. We hope attendances will stay at their present high standard. We would also like to offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Howard for attending so often and inspiring such keenness.

D.M.P.

SIXTH FORM BRIDGE CLUB

Advisor: Mr. G. A. Dickinson. *Hon. Secretary:* K. G. Hickson.

Despite the lack of other school bridge clubs with which to compete, great enthusiasm is shown by members, especially those in the upper sixth. Members, including C. Hughes, T. LePage, P. Derks, P. Gardener and K. Hickson, have been quite successful when playing at Slough Bridge Club and in county competitions. A school team, including Mr. Mansfield, entered the County Teams of Four Competition and, against experienced players, just failed to qualify for the final, coming sixth out of thirteen teams. So far this year the school team has played only two matches, both against Leighton Park School, Reading, and both resulting in convincing victories, but more matches are anticipated later against teams from Aspro and Glaxo Laboratories.

To Mr. Dickinson go the warm thanks of the club for his continued advice and encouragement throughout the year, which have undoubtedly contributed to the commendable standard of play attained.

K. G. HICKSON (Secretary).

THE PRINTING CLUB

Secretary: M. C. Kolaszynski.

The one school society which endeavours, with a fair degree of success, to run at a profit, the printing club, has had a successful year. Notwithstanding this aspect of the club, membership is not unusually high, consisting of some eight or nine regular members.

This year more orders than usual have been completed, and indeed many have had to be refused. Apart from programmes and tickets for school functions and society membership cards, there have been many outside orders from old boys, friends of pupils and staff of the school. The club extends its thanks to all those who keep it in business.

At the beginning of the year the club transferred its operation to the old staff room in the main school, a much more satisfactory position, being considerably warmer in the winter than the junior school and more convenient. Several new founts of type and other equipment were purchased in the Autumn Term, enabling a bigger variety of styles to be offered to customers.

During the Easter holidays the club paid a very enjoyable visit to Cox and Wyman Ltd., printers of Penguin, Pan and Corgi books. It was observed that printing was done on a slightly larger scale and the club could not quite rival that firm!

Finally, sincere thanks must go to all members for their support, especially C. Willson, G. Moore, and R. Sargent, and to Mr. Richards for his watchful eye on the club.

M.C.K.

ART CLUB NOTES

President: Mr. T. Shelley. *Secretary:* P. Hinchcliffe.

Weekly meetings have continued throughout the year with boys carrying out individual work.

At Christmas a number of members combined to paint scenery and a backdrop for the Drama Group's production of 'The Devil's Disciple'.

More recently attention has been devoted to the set of the French play. Due partly perhaps to the various reproductions loaned to the school from the French Embassy, and also to the series of lectures given by Mr. Shelley, interest in Art seems to be increasing in the school. This is a promising trend, for an intelligent appreciation of Art is ultimately of immeasurable value to the individual.

P.H.

HISTORY MODELLING CLUB

This is a new club which since the Spring Term has been working on the construction of scale models of Stonehenge (as it was when built in 2000 B.C.) and a medieval village.

We have not yet completed these models, but we hope to get them finished by the end of this term.

Membership to this club has had to be restricted owing to shortage of space. Anyone who is interested in the club please see Mr. Turner.

M. BIRCH (II A).

HOUSE NOTES

GRAY HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. K. F. Colombo.

House Captain: S. Baxter. *Vice-Captain:* J. Mearns.

Soccer Captain: D. Airley. *Athletics Captain:* M. Duff.

House Prefects: D. Airley, M. Duff, P. Serjent, G. G. Thomas, R. Whelan.

Despite slight set-backs during the past few years, Gray House has once again proved itself worthy of the House Championship in all spheres of school activities.

In the academic field, P. Grimwood, P. Dowson and M. French gained State Scholarships; P. Grimwood also won a Scholarship to Hertford College, Oxford, and P. Marshall gained an Industrial Scholarship. The other results in both 'A' and 'O' Level exams were of a high standard.

In the sports field we tied for first place in the 1961 Inter-house Cricket Competition, and this year we won both the Soccer and Cross-country Competitions, and, as a crowning success, we took the Inter-house Sports Shield at the end of the 1961 year. In the Debating Competition Gray House seem fated to be runners-up—this is the third year in succession.

As House Captain this year we have the school head-boy, S. Baxter, and an able deputy in J. Mearns; these two leaders have the full support of the house in all their duties.

At the end of the last school year we bade farewell to many eminent members of Gray House: The house captain, R. Monks, has gone to Liverpool University, and P. Taylor, the vice-captain, to Bristol; the games and athletics captains, R. Dearlove to London School of Economics, and R. Stevens to Southampton University; and our secretary, M. Green, to Sheffield University, to mention only officials. Others were: B. Donaldson (Battersea Polytechnic), P. Dowson (Bristol University), J. Eyre (Southampton University), C. Hughes (Sandwich course at Harwell atomic research establishment), P. Marshall (King's College, London), A. Oliver (University College, London), R. Selzer (Birmingham College of Technology), M. Skidmore (Sheffield University).

Finally, we should like to thank our House Masters, whose assistance and enthusiasm was an invaluable contribution to the success of the House.

J. P. BURDEN (Hon. Secretary).

HAMPDEN HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. Vivash.
 House Captain: C. Doyle. Athletics: H. Froggatt.
 Vice-Captain: H. Froggatt. Basketball: M. Boweren.
 Secretary: N. G. Taylor. Football: A. Smith.
 Games Captain: C. Doyle. Tennis: C. Timms.

House Prefects:

M. Boweren, P. Willis, S. Kochanowski, N. Taylor, E. Husbands.

This year has been rather disappointing for Hampden House. The usual few names continually appear in the award lists and we congratulate these members. As for the rest of the House, however, the attitude can be summed up in one word—apathetic. Invariably our teams played without support from the rest of the House. We can only hope that there will be a considerable change of attitude in the near future, or we will lose the opportunity of a good showing in the School Sports.

Now for those boys who have achieved something this past year: Four of our members played for the Cricket 1st XI, and of these K. Butler and K. Wallis also played for the Football 1st XI. In addition, Wallis played for the Berks, Bucks and Oxon XI. We also supplied four members of the Rugby XV, of whom C. Doyle was chosen for a county trial and gained the first full colours for Rugby. H. Froggatt, R. Flower, M. Head and C. Doyle represented the school and the district in Athletics, while Flower ran in the 440 Yards at the All-England Schools' Sports.

We are pleased to record that H. Froggatt, one of the school's deputy Head Boys, was awarded a State Scholarship on the results of last year's A-level examinations.

Our thanks must go to all the house masters, without whose enthusiasm and support the situation would be desperate.

N.G.T.

HERSCHEL HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. J. Wharmby.
 House Captain: R. Davis.
 Committee: H. Duffy, C. Price, H. Roberts, H. Stroud, I. Stuart.
 House Prefects: H. Solomon, K. Isaacs, G. Thomas, T. Kingswood, P. Siney.

Although we have not been at our best in the realm of sport this year, Herschel has contributed very significantly to the life of the School. We were very honoured in supplying two School Vice-Captains, R. Davis, our own House Captain, and P. Read. However, P. Read gained a direct entry commission into the R.A.F., and therefore had to leave us in the Autumn Term. We thank him for his services to the House and wish him every success in his chosen career.

The quality of the House is also reflected by the fact that we gained all the cups presented on Speech Day. P. Griffiths retained the Swimming Championship Challenge Cup, and other cups were awarded to I. Stuart, M. Holloway and H. Stroud.

Academically we have also been successful again. H. Stroud gained a Royal Open Scholarship, supplemented by a State Scholarship, to the Imperial College, London. Many have left us to continue their studies at college, including last year's House Captain, A. Alderman, who is reading Economics at University College, London. We thank him for the enthusiasm

with which he led the various House activities. Others were A. Crooks (Loughborough College), R. Hodgson (Northern Polytechnic), K. Lane (Leeds), D. Lister (Southampton University), and R. Whittaker (King's College, London).

Special mention must be given to K. Lane and R. Hodgson for the way in which they both helped the House sporting activities, and it was a great blow to us when they were unable, because of illness, to partake fully in last year's Sports Day programme.

We provided R. Davis as School Rugby Captain this year, J. LePage was chosen to represent the County in the County Hockey Tournament at Seaford College, Sussex, and C. Evans was chosen for a County Rugby trial.

Last summer we lost two of our House Masters, Mr. N. McCabe and Mr. A. Robinson, whom we thank for the support they gave to us. We warmly welcome in their places Mr. J. Slater, Mr. J. Crocombe and Mr. S. Boardall, whose presence in the House has already been felt.

We wish to express our appreciation for the concern and interest shown by all the House Masters, especially Mr. Wharmby; and also for all those who have served the House either as a whole or in the House Groups. It is with you that we confide the good tradition and future success of the House.

H. J. F. STROUD.

MILTON HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. Wall.
 House Captain: R. Dowding. Vice-Captains: P. Spooner, G. Taylor.
 Football: R. Dowding. Athletics: P. Spooner.
 Cross-Country: E. Thomas. Gymnastics: G. Taylor.
 House Prefects: M. Gain, B. Malone, S. Martin, R. Savage, M. Willson.

Milton House has had a pleasant and profitable year, with steady improvement in several fields.

In December we provided eight of the cast of twenty-five in the School production of 'The Devil's Disciple'. Three of last year's sixth are now at universities.

It is in the field of sport that we have shown most improvement. P. Spooner was selected for County Trials in Rugby. In the Inter-house Cross-Country Championship we came second in the Senior Section, but were less successful in the Intermediate and Junior grades, so that we finally tied for third place.

In the Football Competitions we did well and finished second. Bass and Poulter captained the Intermediate and Junior teams, who won four and drew three matches.

In the Gymnastics Competition our team was led to victory by G. Taylor. They won outright and set a hard target for next year's teams. Many congratulations to them!

Last season's athletics brought modest success only—but at least we made the best of our sparse talent: Milton always made the other men go all out and always went down fighting.

Prospects for the fast approaching Sports and G.C.E. activities are quite fair and we can look for some success this year.

A sad footnote: The impending departure of Mr. Mills has cast gloom indeed. We wish him every happiness, but how we shall miss him!

R.D.

ADORATION!

We met—heigh ho!
 A year ago,
 To see was to adore you.
 At least I know
 I told you so
 (And many more before you!)

I bade you speak—
 Your blushing cheek
 Did bid me ask your mother.
 Yet, fatal freak,
 Within a week
 You flirted with another!

My hopes were bright,
 My cares were light
 No fate our love could sever:
 And now tonight
 I have to write
 'Adieu! Adieu for ever!'

But know my pet
 I'm not, as yet,
 Completely broken-hearted;
 I do regret
 That we have met,
 But not that we have parted.

I. D. STUART (U. VI).

A GERMAN CHRISTMAS

During the last Christmas holidays I spent three weeks living with a German family in Hanover. The Christmas I spent there was one which I shall never forget.

The religious theme of Christmas was always first and foremost in all their festivities. The idea that Christmas was a time for the family to be together was most prevalent. There was a very moving ceremony which my German family performed on Christmas Eve.

It began with my pen-friend and myself leaving the room to fetch our presents while the mother and father got the living-room ready, lighting the candles on the Christmas tree and arranging the presents in individual piles. My pen-friend and myself were then called into the room and, placing our presents next to the others, stood with the parents around the Christmas tree. We then sang two carols, and the youngest member of the family, i.e. my pen-friend, read the Christmas story. After this my pen-friend led the family in prayer and afterwards gave the 'Christmas Toast', as they called it. The presents were then distributed and all-round celebrations followed until midnight. At midnight lighted candles were placed in the windows. This was the way West Germany remembered her people on the other side of the border. This was a wonderful sight to see, nearly every window of every house containing a lighted candle.

The evening therefore having begun seriously, ended seriously, bringing to a close an unforgettable Christmas Eve.

B. MALONE (U. VI).

PARABLE

The land was new and rich and the settlers had had no real time to survey the area properly. However this did not worry them for there would be plenty of time to think of things like that in a few months; for the time being they would settle down in their green valley, waiting patiently in their encampment.

A camp council was elected and, as was the custom, all the elders were appointed to administer the huddle of temporary cabins. The camp itself was not luxurious, but it was in an area of natural beauty that seemed like heaven to the emigrants from the far off, dry, dusty north. To the south extended a vast plain, clothed in a cloak of emerald grass, dotted here and there with clumps of trees, which looked as if they had been made by a carpenter, they were so tall and straight.

In camp men squatted on their haunches and talked of farms and crops and dreams of happiness and wealth. The women, as was their place, did the household chores. They scrubbed, rubbed, and washed—all without complaining. They had known hard times and the thought of good times ahead made them able to endure a little longer. In the evening the entire population of that little world would gather round the fire and eat succulent berries and fruit, and the old men would recall the times when their ancestors had been great warriors and the envy of all the continent. The tribe had gone the way of every civilization before it. After reaching its peak it had gradually declined, until in one year nearly three-quarters of the tribe had been eradicated by a plague. The remainder had come to the valley, in order to start a new life and to lift themselves from the depths to which they had fallen.

However, there was one among them who could not wait for the time when the new, rich land was allocated by the elders. His name was Samuel and his other name was Greed. He decided that he wanted his land straight away, so that he could feel secure. Therefore he went before the elders to ask them to allot him his share. The council was a bit dubious until one of its most respected members put forward a suggestion. 'We will give him as much land as he can run round in a day.' The idea was treated as a joke until Samuel signified his willingness to take part.

A day was fixed and at precisely 6 a.m. on a brilliant day Samuel set off on the run for his desired land. He was no mean athlete and started off at a good pace, gradually settling into an easy stride. Right out into the plain he ran, through the tall grasses, scattering flocks of birds who rose, screaming in protestation.

Samuel was now alone on the plain, his feet crushing the grass that had never before been disturbed. The sun reached its height and still Samuel was running, with nothing but the sound of his heavy breathing and the thump of his bare feet to keep him company. The man felt as if his legs were made of straw, and every now and then he would stumble and fall, to rise again cursing.

Night came on and still the sound of running feet could be heard as a man passed, invisible, across the plain. Night stayed and then went suddenly, like an uninvited guest. Samuel thought that he must be reaching the encampment now, for if he was too late he would get nothing. His greed carried him on—he ignored his bleeding feet, his flayed body, his pounding heart—he thought only of the vast spread he would have if he managed to clinch the bargain. At last there it was, the camp, nestling in its valley. Samuel was there, he had won! Into the midst of the village he ran, right up to the elders who stood there waiting for him. Suddenly he crumpled to the floor, lying like a battered doll. His heart had refused to take the strain, it had burst. Samuel was as dead as the embers of the fire he lay in.

He was given a piece of land. . . .

D. PRATT (Lower VI).

THE BEAUTIES OF SLOUGH

Some time ago I was in the Public Library browsing through the Local Collection, housed in one of their 'little back rooms', when I came across a piece of poetry that was completely devoted to Slough and its environs. Remembering what Mr. Betjeman had to say about our town, I quickly read the poem in the hope that it might prove to be an answer to Betjeman's attack. The poem, which is unsigned, is quite long, running to a dozen or so stanzas, and space prevents us from quoting it in full. However, I have extracted some of the more important lines which I hope will give you some idea of the complete work.

The poem begins with the following claim:

'There's a town as far famed for its beauty
As Aylesbury is for its ducks;
This town, it is needless to mention,
Is Slough in the County of Bucks.
For sightseers come here in hundreds,
And as they arrive they tell how
They are crowding from all parts of England
To gaze on the beauties of Slough.'

As soon as the sightseers arrive, the first building they see is the station, a typical example of Victorian architecture:

'... when they alight from the train—
They gaze at the roof of the station
And gaze with a feeling of pain:
But yet, without hesitation,
Are one and all bound to allow
That although it is ancient and draughty,
It is one of the beauties of Slough.'

Written as it was well over sixty years ago, the poem mentions several landmarks that have, alas, since disappeared:

'Close by the road leading to Taplow,
With its head reared aloft in the sky,
There stands a magnificent tower—
The tower of water supply.'

One of the landmarks referred to has only recently disappeared in order to make room for the new Stoke Road railway bridge. This is the old cattle market, moved some months ago to a new site at Wexham:

'When you're driving away from the station
As you cross the road leading to Stoke,
You'll see there a field with some railings
Around it, with some of them broke:
This is the great Cattle Market
Frequented by sheep and by cow,
No doubt Mr. Buckland considers it
One of the beauties of Slough.'

One of Slough's attractions that still exists is mentioned:

'Some people delight in high mountains
And books with accounts of them fill,
They talk of the Alps and of Snowdon,
But what are all these to Salt Hill?'

The buildings of Slough are not often picked out for their beauty, and it is to be hoped therefore that in the area picked out for special mention by the unknown poet they are not to be pulled down to make room for yet another 'cigar-box' block of flats or offices:

'For great architectural beauty
There's a street in the town that has fame
Not excelled, and indeed hardly equalled,
By the great Duke who one bore its name.
Sir Christopher Wren, if still living,
Would be the first to allow
That the houses in Wellington Terrace
Form one of the beauties of Slough.'

At the time of writing canvassing for the Borough Council Elections was going on, and almost every day pamphlets were pushed through our letter-boxes. Every candidate puts forward the many schemes of improvements to the town's amenities he will try to get carried out—'if elected'. Sixty years ago the local council was equally active, if we may judge from the poem:

'At last after endless discussion . . .
'Tis decided to carry the drainage
To the farm which is near Eton Wick,
And so for some time the roadway
Has been turned up as if with a plough,
Yet the excellent state of the High Street
Is one of the beauties of Slough.'

Yet the poem is not without some criticism of the council, for although:

'The council treat matters of business
In a most economical light;
And to further their schemes of retrenchment
They put out the street-lamps at night.'

All is not well, for in spite of the fact that:

'... the aim of this system of darkness
Is to lessen the rates; but somehow
They instead of decreasing grow higher . . .

Today we would echo the poet's cry that:

'I do think we pay rather highly
For some of the beauties of Slough.'

At the close of his long tribute to his home town, the poet bids his readers farewell with the following words:

'Farewell, then; and when gentle slumbers
Steal softly o'er each weary brow
May you dream of the exquisite beauties,
Inexhaustible beauties of Slough!'

D. STUART (U. VI).

NO ROAD BACK

A Short Story

The whole trouble is that it's so easy. A strong determination to achieve what has been decided and that thing is done. Consequences don't count; or rather you don't want them to count. You are bored, and it doesn't matter how you relieve yourself as long as you benefit. What the hell does it matter about all the rest of them? The police are an institution to limit you in your action. No freedom at all in being limited. You pause on a street corner and a copper turns a suspicious eye on you—even orders you to move on! Innocent motives you may have, but that copper's taking no chances. In his mind you're a potential criminal. You've got to conform, that's all. It all narrows down to that: conform and you'll be accepted; don't, and society will stamp you down.

You have a certain amount of freedom, though. You must grant that you can have a cup of tea when you want it. Yet even that depends on Government control on import of tea, subsequently the undulating price of a packet and whether you can afford enough of it on your income. You are manipulated whether you like it or not. I suppose some sort of control, leadership, is necessary but the whole system doesn't suit people like me at all. That's how we got here—on the pavement outside the grocery.

Jean, Paul and me. I'm so darned dissatisfied I have to do something to relieve my feelings. I've got to show others I'm a free individual, limited in no way. Now I'm doing this. It's anti-social—that's ludicrously clear, but then I am rejecting the entire Social and Economic System. Everything! There's just Jean, Paul, and me. We all feel the same. Somehow that reassures me. I'm not the only one and I feel better for that.

I've been in the shop dozens of times before. When I was a kid I used to come here on errands:

'Two large, crusty loaves and a bun ring, please.' The man behind the counter used to smile. I liked him. He was pleasant and I had the warm feeling I belonged somehow. Now, at nineteen years of age, I sometimes go in that same shop, get that same smile, yet have a different feeling. At four years of age I was incredibly innocent, ignorant, but now I know he smiles automatically. He started out by being told: 'Smile and you'll attract custom. Be nice to your customers and they'll call again.' He started smiling, then it came natural to him. There was no feeling behind it at all. It was nothing more than a reflex action.

I used to do Saturday work in a shop and used the same technique: smiling at the potential customer, licking his boots in effect, and cursing like hell to myself behind his back. But for a classless society!

That wish I could never hope to see fulfilled. For a short time I had investigated the principles of Communism. There, however, you have the upper and lower classes even more greatly contrasted. You are either something or nothing. In a conformed, rigid society as in Russia it is rare that you are able to rise above your class. That's the trouble: your growth, mental growth, is stunted. A farm labourer might have enormous potential, but, as he isn't exposed to the right influences, his potential isn't allowed to develop. What I mean is: if you serve the public up with trashy literature—condition them to it—their literary knowledge will never be greater than the standard that literature allows. If you begin introducing literature of a higher standard into society you automatically raise the standard of literary appreciation.

We are so feeble, so prone. Society conditions us. I can't hope to express all the reasons we are here outside the grocery shop, but all I know is that I feel these things.

Paul is tugging at my arm. It's like a 'Mickey Spillane'—they have scarves over the lower halves of their faces. I have one, too, and pull it up

over my face. Not really conscious of what's going on. Something hard and cold pressing against my hand.

I'm a little four-year-old again, playing in the street like any other kid. I've got a gun and I'm firing it at Jimmy Parsons. He won't stay dead. 'Hey, Jimmy, you're dead! I got you.' The savage look, the imitative tones escaping from my throat. Just like John Wayne in that film I saw the other day. Happy days. Nobody against me. I fire again . . .

They found me standing over the 'smiling' shop-keeper. Lost. In the days to come I learned everything that happened. The police had the gun . . . my fingerprints. We never did get any money. If only he hadn't tried to stop us . . . Paul and Jean were picked up by the police. They were running across some old field somewhere. Tired, wet and whimpering like two little kids who had burnt their fingers in the fire.

I didn't feel a thing. I knew I hadn't won anything for myself because if I had, I should be feeling satisfied. Now I had killed a man. I didn't mean to do it. Of course I didn't. The police can't make any sense out of me:

'Why did you do it, kid? Kicks?'

'I got sick of everything: the weekly visit to the pictures, pub crawl, same work with same people day after day. I couldn't stand it any more. I had to escape. We had it all worked out. It was going to be good. Make us feel we were one cut above everybody else. We wanted to show them we were free individuals capable of looking after ourselves, doing things for ourselves. We didn't so much think of our action as wrong, as of something necessary to give us a certain peace of mind.'

Those policemen are whispering. I know what they think: that I'm 'psycho' or something. No, now I have got it all worked out. The chaplain visits me every day. I never knew before the solace, the peace of mind I could find. . . .

The case has been in all the newspapers. It's the verdict today. We stand accused while all eyes rest upon us. Jean is dark-eyed and sobbing while Paul seems hardly able to stand up; so pale, so small. We have thrown ourselves on the mercy of the court, relied on others to declare our fate. There is no defiance now. Jean and Paul were jailed for a long time. The verdict on me didn't seem to matter. I have forty days to sit in the cell. Forty days to think.

Before the crime I had told myself I had courage in deciding to carry it out; but it was a different sort of courage I had needed. . . .

P. O'LEARY (Lower VI).

THE IKS

The Iks were a tribe of Eskimos,
And where they come from nobody knows;
Maybe the South Pole is where they derive.
They eat lots of fish on which they thrive,
And they ride in cars with a half-wheel drive.

Their neighbours, the Trills, live over the hills,
They live on sponge cakes and small green pills,
And buy them in batches with ten-dollar bills;
You can't, I'm afraid, see this curious race,
For their homes are suspended in Outer Space.

At the edge of the Pole where the ice turns pink,
The Iks and the Trills come down to drink
Lots of wine which is flavoured with ink;
They dance and sing the whole night through
And all go home at half-past two.

J. PELL (I C).

PARIS NOTEBOOK



by A. Linzka (4 B)

Well—at last we have done it; we've spent April in Paris!

It is quite surprising how small Paris really is and how much is packed into the area of the 'gay city'. We know how small it is—we walked all over it! Our hotel was situated in Montparnasse and it was from there that we made our daily sorties to see the tourist attractions. We spent four whole days sightseeing, as the rain continually streamed down, and then, as the weather brightened, we slowed our pace and became charged with the atmosphere of Paris.

This atmosphere defies explanation. Time just does not matter. A man lying ragged and unwashed on the pavement speaks on equal terms with a man who drives a Mercedes saloon; a middle-aged man can kiss a twenty-year-old girl in the park without a head being turned or an eyebrow being raised.

I think Paris has an agreement with Nature. Until Maundy Thursday the weather was wet and rather cold. Good Friday dawned bright and hot, and thus the weather remained until the Tuesday after Easter. Easter must belong to Paris: during the holiday the trees all burst into verdant growth, tables sprouted on pavements like mushrooms in a field, and the Americans in Paris donned their unmistakable American summer finery—Hawaiian shirts and four cameras each. Up on the hill of Montmartre the *Sacré Coeur* gleamed in the sun, and on the bank of the Seine that unsightly stack of scrap-iron, the Eiffel Tower, reared its ugly head like the discarded toy of a giant child. At its foot the teddy boys, dressed in their flare-bottomed Spanish-style trousers, twisted furiously to the beat of a guitar, played by a London boy who occasionally said: 'Gor blimey, ain't it 'ot!' On the walls O.A.S. slogans screamed, 'Fusillez de Gaulle!': de Gaulle's slogans screamed, 'Fusillez Salan!'

Jouhaud had been arrested a few days before our arrival in Paris and Salan was arrested while we were there. At once there was a chilly undercurrent to the warm atmosphere, and everyone seemed to be waiting for something. A car backfiring one day made most of the people around us turn pale and start violently. The Parisian, however, usually one of the most voluble of men, almost rudely refuses to speak to the tourist about the Algerian situation. Too many tourists, about thirty thousand, have cancelled reservations this year, and the Parisian, who relies on tourism for a living, is very anxious about scaring them away with wild O.A.S. stories. Despite the outer gaiety, though, there was a definite feeling of something strange in the Parisian air.

The smells of Paris are as fascinating as the sights. There is a certain Belgian delicacy—'gaufres'—which spreads its delightful smell for yards around. It is a pastry honeycomb, filled with cream or coated with icing sugar, and eaten while hot—sheer heaven from a pastry stall! It is the street market where the full force of the various aromas can be gained. There is usually a street market in session somewhere and, walking down the central aisle between two rows of stalls, you meet fish, flesh and good cream cheese in ample proportion, being sold by rosy-cheeked country folk, who hail the reluctant shopper in nasal tones and with accents never learnt at school.

The time had flown by and we left Paris after a fortnight that seemed more like two days. We brought back a jumbled confusion of impressions: disappointment at the art in the Louvre; mad taxi-drivers with marvellous brakes; the thought that Paris is nothing but a monument to Napoleon Bonaparte; watching the carp jump in the pond in the Luxembourg Gardens; seeing all nationalities walk towards us on the Boul Mich; garlic-laden air on the Metro; W. H. Smith and Co. on the Rue Rivoli; a demented Frenchman playing the bagpipes below my window on Easter Sunday morning.

Yes, it is a strange city. It is also a beautiful city, and to stand, at dusk, before the *Sacré Coeur* and watch the lights of Paris go on all over the city is a moving and unforgettable experience.

G. W. EVANS (U. VI).



A Lock on the Thames Drawing by F. Briers (5 A)



St. Gouans Chapel

R. Sargent (4 B)

A LIMERICK FOR QUIRKS

There was a young lady of Penn,
Whose egg laid a golden hen;
Then from miles around
Came the ghastly sound
Of boys giving birth to old men.

E. LUCAS-SMITH (L. VD).

THE NATIVE MAID AND THE SAILOR

Tala-Ti-Lay was a native maid,
and on a small island down south she stayed.
Her skin was the blackest of inky blacks
and her lips were as scarlet as sealing wax.

She wore her hair in a pile on top
like a swab (the nautical name for a mop);
her ivory teeth were two gleaming rows
and she carried a skewer in her pretty nose.

She loved a sailor (did Tala-Ti-Lay)
who had been on that island cast away.
Tala-Ti-Lay was the child of a king
—but she loved Bob Beckett like anything:

She loved Bob Beckett, but—woe is me!—
Bob Beckett he wasn't in love with she;
for he fondly thought of his lovely Nan
(who lived at Wapping) did that young man.

And so—alas and alack-a-day!—
when an English ship sailed into the bay
(the *Saucy Sal*, of tons twenty-four),
he took a berth in that man-o'-war.

Then Tala-Ti-Lay (her heart was broke)
wept—but never a word she spoke;
but she skewered herself, did the mournful maid,
on the native weapon, a sword-fish blade.

They buried her under the Ban-Yam tree
with a little white board labelled 'R.I.P.'
And the brown-coated monkeys sadly rave
and chew their tails o'er the maiden's grave.

I. D. STUART (U. VI).

WHAT A SWIM

Mother, may I go out and swim?
'Yes, my darling daughter.
Hang your clothes on the
Hickory limb,
But don't go near the water.'

R. LAING (I. B).



Linocut by J. Hamilton (3 A)

THE THREE FILIBUSTERS

Just before the February examinations last year, when minds turned to sport and recreation and every other thing except work, it was suggested somewhere in the depths of Hampden room that it would be a good idea if a few of the more adventurous of our brethren gathered together to go for a camping holiday in some place where the fame of the Slough Grammar School sixth form had not yet spread.

Ignoring some suggestions which were yelled at us from conveniently safe distances, we proceeded to give the matter some considerable thought, and after much deliberation and argument the charming and quite innocent isle of Guernsey was mentioned. Apparently such trifles like the weather and camping facilities are very good over there—anyhow, Guernsey was to be the victim.

Then came the excuses. Some of us decided that we had no money, others that they had no time, and others still that they had not the inclination to go. Finally, only three remained, the eternal balance between a crowd and a company, and, though perhaps apprehensive of the hardships we were to suffer, we bravely faced the terrors-to-come and decided that it was up to us to uphold the honour of the sixth form.

Then arose the small question of equipment. After intense searching of various garden sheds and attics we found that we had one very small tent, one rather old and dilapidated pressure cooker, and precisely nothing else between the three of us. However, well known is the generosity of the local Scouts, and by the time we left we had acquired another tent and some of the more indispensable equipment.

Those whose fathers hold posts in the B.E.A. are very fortunate in that they can fly over to Guernsey for the nominal sum of seventeen shillings and sixpence. The others have to endure the inconvenience of travelling by train and boat, for which dubious pleasure they have to pay some astronomical prices.

When the time came, despite all difficulties, we set off on our journey and, after spending some seven hours in train and ship in the company of some very, very charming people, we finally arrived at St. Peter Port. We made our way to the camp site, about two miles from the town, and were greeted by the fortunate one whose father holds a post in the B.E.A., and who had arrived early enough to erect the tents.

After hasty salutations and a brief snack we went to bed.

It rained that night! This was, fortunately for us, the only night during which it did rain.

There are a number of things of interest in Guernsey, but it is not the sort of place one goes to if one seeks to be entertained. There are no amusement parks or fun fairs, and there is none of the bustle of a holiday resort. On the contrary, the atmosphere is that of quiet relaxation—at least it was before we arrived. We soon found plenty of material to occupy our attention, our fellow campers being no exception!

One striking thing to be found in Guernsey, and which I personally shall never forget, is the German underground hospital. This is a forbidding structure and something of which only the Germans could have thought. It consists of a mass of corridors and rooms hewn out of solid rock by Nazi slaves. It is now used as a museum and a relic of the Nazi occupation.

Apart from the hospital and a few minor sights Guernsey has little to offer except fresh air and exercise, and the way in which we spent our fortnight there will forever remain our own business. Let it suffice for me to say that I have never had a more enjoyable holiday, even though it was marred by such technicalities as sunstroke and suspected appendicitis.

These minor incidents, however, did not affect our senses of humour and we all had a perfectly pleasant holiday, and I can safely say that the whole trio would be only too glad to go again if some kind soul were willing and benevolent enough to pay our fares and provide us with pocket money for at least a year!

S. KOCHANOWSKI (U. VI.)

'TICKETS, PLEASE!'

'Tickets, please!'
 What a squeeze!
 'Now for Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate!'
 Pushing crowd
 Shouting loud
 Regularly jams and crams gate
 Where men are ticket clipping.
 Up the stairs;
 Then one tears
 To excursion platform—tripping.
 Laughing, chaffing, teasing, squeezing,
 Routing, shouting, 'if you please'-ing,
 Pushing on amain;
 Hurry, scurry, worry, flurry,
 All are off to Kent and Surrey
 By excursion train.

Puff of steam—
 Engines scream;
 'Rightaway!'—the train's in motion,
 Flying past
 Suburbs vast,
 Bound for distant shores of ocean.
 Nearing noon:
 So quite soon
 Sandwiches of beef or fat ham
 Disappear
 As we near
 Bromley, Sevenoaks and Chatham.
 Treating, eating, nipping sipping,
 Lunching, munching, bread and dripping,
 Singing the refrain—
 'Hurry, scurry, worry, flurry,
 On we rush through Kent and Surre'
 By excursion train!'

Sing and shout—
 Heads stuck out—
 Handkerchiefs from windows flying.
 Weather fine
 Down the line,
 Snorting engines now start vieing.
 'Can't you see—
 There's the sea!'
 Margate Station we are nearing:
 General shout:
 'Let us out!'
 When released a mighty cheering!
 Rushing, crushing, funning, running,
 Grinning, dipping, shouting 'Stunning!'
 Glad the sea to gain;
 Hurry, scurry, worry, flurry,
 We've come down through Kent and Surrey
 By excursion train.

'Hip-hooray!'
 Jolly day,
 But, alas, too quickly over.
 Twilight's fall;
 One and all—
 'This way for the train via Dover!'
 'Take your seats!'
 End of treats;
 Like a stream against a floodgate
 Back folk rush
 (What a crush!)
 'All aboard now, please, for Ludgate!'
 Laughing, quaffing, smoking, joking,
 Chatter matter mirth-provoking.
 London-wards again;
 Hurry, scurry, worry, flurry,
 Steaming back through Kent and Surrey
 Flies the excursion train.

I. D. STUART (U VI).

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Professor Bloggins stared at the grunit valve on his complicated laboratory equipment. This was the great moment that the general public had been waiting for. He had produced packet silence and now all that remained was to give it an operational test under realistic conditions. Form 3A of Slough Grammar School was hired and put into a room of twelve feet by eight feet by ten feet and given a few intelligent subjects to talk about. Into the room was poured the silence, which had now been painted green for identification purposes, and 3A were conquered! The thing which countless essays would not do had been done by packet silence. 3A was quiet.

Bloggins now entered a quiz programme on television. He answered the question—'Give the binomial triaction of the tangent through a parallelogram with sides of two inches and three inches, taking into account the law of the inverted absolute'. This was done in exactly five seconds, for which he won £5,000. This was not enough. He went on to the £25,000 questions, which were:

- (1) What are two and two?
- (2) What is two?
- (3) What is?
- (4) What?

He won and returned home with enough money to start a small factory to produce silence in packets, for which the price was half a crown or two shillings and sixpence, and in bottles for industrial use the price was eighteen shillings and threepence halfpenny plus two hundred new francs purchase tax.

Bloggins felt on top of the world until a letter arrived at his office one Friday morning from a spokesman on behalf of Slough Grammar School who went by the name of Charles White. Struggling through the bad writing our hero deciphered a message which read:

Dear Sir,

With reference to your test on packet silence on us schoolboys of 3A, we have decided that it was unfair to make only one test on one bunch of people, and before the product is to be put on the market another surprise test should be sprung on some noisy group of people within the community.

Yours sincerely and otherwise,

Charles White (on behalf of Form 3A).

The suggestion was taken up and men were planted at a football match, some in the ticket offices, some in the crowd, and even the referee was one of Bloggins's agents. Exactly three minutes after the kick-off the agents let off several small capsules of silence. The roaring crowd was immediately hushed. This was enough proof, and soon the silence reserves were sold to the public.

The possibilities for silence in this new handy form were tremendous. If you wanted someone to stop talking you had only to throw a few lumps of silence at him and the trick would be done. Also you would quieten motor vehicles and aircraft by painting silence on the noise-making areas, and the use in industry was very valuable. If you wanted a quiet factory, an open bottle of silence in one corner of the room would be enough to cut out all noise.

Bloggins's prosperity, however, only lasted for a very short while on account of packet silence, and before long he found himself looking for a new thing to sell. He was getting really worried by now until, on the table of his office, he saw his copy of 'New Musical Express'.

This set his cunning mind working. This was a change for Bloggins. He realized the great amounts of money that are gained from 'pop' records, and while looking through his magazine he noticed an article on the 'Standstill', the latest dancing craze from Chalvey upon the Treacle Mine. (All one does in this dance is stand still.) Bloggins hit upon the great effect this dance could have if a new style of music was invented to go with it. He could make himself a teenage idol if he made records of silence to which people would dance the 'Standstill'.

So Bloggins set about making a recording. First he needed a good instrumental group, with the accent on the mental rather than on the instru . . . He made a trip to the local public-house, which was now silence ridden due to his first invention, and picked out seven likely looking drunken nits who were to be his instrumental group and call themselves the 'Silent Seven'. Some instruments that were employed were the stringless guitar, the plugged-up trumpet and the invisible drums. Bloggins was now ready to record.

He stood with his group in the recording studio and he recorded three minutes of perfect silence. The record was called 'Silence is Golden'. Now the other side had to be done. For this a very lively number with a catchy rhythm was chosen and once again three fabulous minutes of very fast beating silence was put down in wax. This tune was named 'Silence-Cha-Cha-Cha'.

During its first week of release this marvellous record sold seven hundred thousand eight hundred and sixty-two and a half copies. This launched it to the number one spot in the hit parade, where it stayed for something like three months, selling a total of over eight million copies.

Bloggins was in the money again, and after a long tour of public appearances (and public-houses) he started to think about his next silent record. He needed, first of all, a much larger silence group, so once again the now rehabilitated and very quiet form, 3A, were called in to do the backing. The result was a new group who called themselves 'The Silencers'. The advantages of a large silence group is that you can have a much more mellow, complete-toned silence than you can with a small group, and it is easier to produce stereophonic silence.

After weeks of planning, Bloggins, The Silent Seven and The Silencers strode into the recording studio and, after a really majestic large-sounding silence, which was named 'Silence Reigns (and we all get wet)', they started on a really good, livened-up version of 'Silent Night' for the other side.

This record sold in tremendous numbers and put our hero, teenage idol and genius, Mr. Bloggins, back into the top twenty, and this record also made the number one position.

In the days that followed, right to the present moment, all members

of 3A that are able to write have been signing countless autographs for fans. Silence certainly was golden for Professor Bloggins, two golden records in fact.

R. HANNAM (3A).

THE CORRIDA

The torero knelt to pray
At three in the afternoon;
The sweat stood out on his brow
At three in the afternoon;
He could smell the smell of fear
At three in the afternoon.

He smelt the smell of fear,
He felt the touch of death;
His eyes were closed in prayer
At three in the afternoon.

He went out on to the sand
At four in the afternoon;
And he waited for his bull
At four in the afternoon,
With his cape held in his hand
At four in the afternoon.

'Torol' cried the crowd,
Death entered in the ring
With sound of thund'rous hooves
At four in the afternoon.

As black as the jaws of hell
At four in the afternoon;
With a soul white hot with hate
At four in the afternoon;
He would either kill or die
At four in the afternoon.

His eye glowed fierce with rage,
His hoof made the sand fly;
The torero knew fear
At four in the afternoon.

He made one faltering step
At five in the afternoon;
The bull raised his head unchecked
At five in the afternoon;
And bloodily horn tore flesh
At five in the afternoon.

His blood was on the sand,
He had been too afraid;
Cowards do not live long
At five in the afternoon.

C. W. EVANS (U. VI).



Lincout by G. Wallace (C. A.)

A LAMENT

How gladly would I be
where the murmurs of the sea
fill the hearts with merry glee
of the dippers
at Deal, where with my crew
I'd sail the open blue,
or at Margate, clad in new
rubber flippers.

And it's not at all my fault
that in London here I halt
'stead of flying to the salt
and the briny.
There I'd sing a happy tune
and all the ladies'd swoon
to spy me.

But the fact is that I can't
to the seaside slope or slant
since my pocket will not grant
a vacation.
Many other folk have hied
to the ocean's margin wide
or to lake or mountain side,
—botheration!

What is a chap to do
whom daydreams thus pursue,
who dare not hope to view
ocean's margin.
Sadly turning to my rifle
with the trigger off I trifle,
but the crazy thought I stifle
—there's no charge in!

—I will seek the Serpentine
—I'll believe I smell the brine
and of ocean's white cliff-line
on the brink stand.
But I ponder with regret
that the only dip I get
Is when my pen I wet
in the ink-stand!

L. D. STUART (U. VI).

REFLECTIONS ONE SPRING MORNING

The air smells clean, o'er hangs no smoky pall,
For 'tis the dawn, the sweetest time of all.
The sun climbs up into the lightening sky,
The early riser stirs and rubs his eye.
The dewdrops glisten on the new-mown grass,
And birds swoop down to break their night-long fast.
Then is the time to look out o'er the scene
And think how very lucky we have been,
For youth is as the joyful dawn of life
To be enjoyed before our future strife.

K. L. ROWE (V. A).

MERMAID THEATRE

In January a party of first and second formers visited the Mermaid Theatre to see Bernard Miles's production of 'Treasure Island'. In the programme there was announced a poetry competition, the subject for the entries being space travel. The prizes were tickets for Professor Fred Hoyle's play, 'Rockets in Urso Major'. Professor Hoyle, author of B.B.C. T.V.'s 'A for Andromeda', judged the entries, together with Bernard Miles, the theatre's proprietor. Mr. Turner, who organized the party, suggested that I.C. might enter, with the result that Barry Stout and David Murray tied for third place in the competition. J. Pell, R. Pickett and G. Napper were also honoured when extracts from their poems were printed in a special supplement given with the theatre programme. The judges later awarded complementary tickets and all enjoyed seeing a second truly fascinating play at this unusual theatre.

P. STEVENS (I.C.)

Extracts from the two prize-winning poems are printed below:

SOLO FLIGHT

Through the porthole window,
Where before was only night,
Strange, still and mysterious,
The planet swung in sight.
Lying on his rubber couch,
Stretched out upon the floor,
The astronaut remembered
All that had gone before—
The hours in the rocket
While waiting for the blast,
And then at last the mighty roar
When he was off at last.

D. P. E. MURRAY (I.C.)

JOURNEY INTO SPACE

... But his plight did not persist,
For as he gazed upon the mist
Craters of terrifying depth appeared
And mountains of great size loomed overhead.
With a leap Sprocket slipped into his ship,
He pressed the starter and its roar
Made his depressed spirits soar.
Off into space he flew,
Directed as best he knew;
Luck was with him as he landed
And, although quite excited,
He looked upon the large crowds
With banners looming very loud.
Never again, thought he,
Once is enough for me.

B. STOUT (I.C.)

THE BIG MAN

Martin had always been a friend of mine. We had grown up together. At school we had done everything together and after we had left school we went to the same red-brick university. We lost touch after this and I didn't meet him again until ten years later, in South America.

I must explain about Martin; although a friend of mine he was quite different from me. He was a large, boisterous fellow, used to getting his own way and accepting, as a matter of course, that I should follow him without question. While I was small and rather quiet, Martin had a way of making sure that everyone knew that he was the man of ideas, a big man with a brain. Although we both gained the same scholarship, it was Martin that gained all the praise. I was not resentful: that was the way it always had been.

As I said before, I met him again in South America. By this time I had worked up to being the head of a large engineering and construction firm. Martin was running a charter airline service in a small state called Batalco. I was there on government work when I met him in a bar. Over a drink we talked about old times and I gradually drew from him the knowledge that his enterprise with the charter company was almost bankrupt. Then he made the statement that brought me up short.

'I'm thinking of starting a regular run over the Marañón Mountains.' 'What?' I gasped. 'The only people ever to attempt to fly that range were killed in the attempt. The wind currents are deadly. Come off it, Martin, you'll never make it!'

'It's not impossible just because it's never been done, you know.'

'Look, Martin, the idea's ridiculous. Forget it!'

'Well, maybe if I do succeed it'll be good publicity for the service and if I don't—well, we all die some time. I intend to start by flying the range next Tuesday.'

I left him in the bar, gazing into his drink.

How like him, I thought, either to promote business by a fantastic feat of air ferrying, or to die in a blaze of glory. He never did do anything by halves.

I saw him again the day he took off on his flight. He looked rather grey about the gills.

'I lost consistently at poker last night,' he said, 'and I had the funny feeling that my luck had run out. Then I dreamt later that I was lying dead in the wreckage of a burnt-out plane. It's got me worried stiff.'

My mind flashed back to our schooldays. He always had been liable to get these strange forebodings and it usually worked out that he was right. I remembered particularly the night he had dreamt of the death of his parents as they died in the wreckage of their car. He had woken up screaming just an hour before the police arrived to tell him of the accident.

I was worried, too, by these latest symptoms.

'Call off your flight tomorrow,' I said to him with deep concern. 'You know what you are like. Something's bound to happen if you take up your plane tomorrow.'

'I've got to go,' he murmured. 'I've just got to prove the old touch is still there. I've got to fly the mountains to open up that service.' He was not really speaking to me but was trying to convince himself.

I saw him off at the airport on the next day and felt that I would never see him alive again. He sent me a telegram from Caraccas, on the other side of the mountain. All it said was:

'Made it!' I heaved a sigh of relief and prepared to sail for home on the next day.

The following morning I was on my way to the boat when I bought a newspaper. There was a photograph of Martin on the front page and a whole paragraph underneath describing his feat and stating his intention of setting up a regular ferry service. It said also that his aeroplane was in need of a few repairs and would be left at Caraccas airport while Martin flew home round the mountains in a public airlines Viscount.

I read two days later, in the same newspaper, that the Viscount had crashed and that all passengers were dead. They hadn't even spelt Martin's name correctly in the list of casualties!

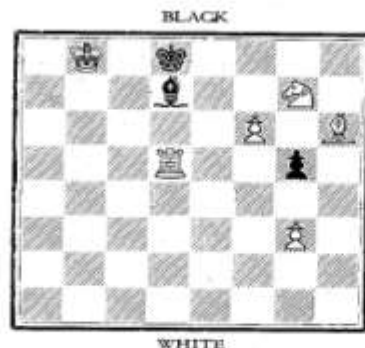
C. W. EVANS (Upper VI)

THE RIVER AND MAN

Gurgling, burbling, onward hastening,
 The stones around it softly chastening,
 From a cleft in some high mount
 Springs a clear and crystal fount
 Bounding down the rocky faces
 And lying deep in quiet places,
 Clear as the air, cold as the earth,
 Unsoiled by man and filled with mirth.
 But then to lower slopes it drains
 And starts to fill with human stains—
 A stream no more, a rivulet,
 Meets with others, still wider yet,
 Winding, turning, ever flowing
 Downhill, downhill, ever growing,
 Then underground is forced to run
 Through dank dark tunnels, where no sun
 Can see the septic increment
 Which man so furtive down has sent.
 But now to God's free air returned
 Becomes a river and is churned
 By metal ships, whose refuse too
 Serves to pollute and spoil anew.
 At last the sea
 From men set free—
 But no!
 Oily sludge, the newest scourge:
 Oh that man himself might purge!

G. TAYLOR (U. VI).

CHESS PROBLEM



White mates in three moves.

In the above problem it is obvious that black has a lost game. P—B 7 followed by R x B wins easily for white, but it takes more than three moves to force a mate. You have to discover a plan which will work in the stipulated time.

GAMES AND ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS, 1961

During the season four full-scale athletics matches were organized. Unfortunately, the detailed results of the first match against Windsor Grammar School have been mislaid, but we can report that the Under-15 Team won comfortably, and the Seniors were defeated by two or three points. The results of the other three matches are as follows:

SENIORS		JUNIORS	
Slough G.S.	70 points	Slough G.S.	44 points
R.A.F. Halton	61 points	Windsor G.S.	22 points
Windsor G.S.	48 points		
Bishopshalt School ...	69 points	Bishopshalt School ...	60 points
Wycombe Royal G.S.	65 points	Slough G.S.	57 points
Slough G.S.	57 points	Langley G.S.	35 points
		Wycombe Royal G.S.	32 points
Slough G.S.	95 points	Slough G.S.	93 points
Slough Tech.	69 points	Dr. Challoner's Sch.	52 points
Dr. Challoner's Sch.	49 points	Slough Tech.	34 points

The 1961 season proved to be one of the most enjoyable and successful seasons ever—in all events—but special mention ought to be made of the pole-vaulting of K. Robertson and M. Holloway. These two boys, complete novices at the beginning of the season, went through to win at the District and County Championships and were selected to represent Buckinghamshire at the National Championships.

We look forward to another interesting season in 1962. The Easter holiday being so late has caused our training programme to be curtailed, our own School Championships and District Championships already being upon us. At this time next year we hope to be able to report another successful season, and also to comment on our new five-point scale (A-E) standards competition.

SPORTS DAY, 1961

In the 1961 House Championship, Gray House won the Johnson Cup, presented for the over-all winners of the three classes, Herschel House being the runners-up.

We were very pleased to have with us Mr. W. J. Sands, who presented the cups and certificates. Mr. Sands also presented the new Sands Cup for inter-house cross-country running, which he has donated to the school, and which was last year won by Gray House.

RESULTS (G—Gray; Ha—Hampden; He—Herschel; M—Milton).

CLASS I

100 yards

1st R. Stevens (G), 2nd A. E. Alderman (He), 3rd H. Froggatt (Ha), 4th P. Spooner (M) [Time:

10.6 secs. (equals record)]

220 yards

1st R. Flower (Ha), 2nd H. Froggatt (Ha), 3rd A. E. Alderman (He), 4th J. Virgo (G). [Time:

23.6 secs.]

440 yards

1st R. Flower (Ha), 2nd J. Virgo (G), 3rd P. Virgo (G), 4th C. Ramsdale (Ha). [Time:

55.7 secs.]

880 yards

1st C. Doyle (Ha), 2nd D. Beer (G), 3rd P. Hinchcliffe (G), 4th C. Ramsdale (Ha). [Time:

2 mins 4.7 secs.]

1 mile

1st C. Doyle (Ha), 2nd M. Duff (G), 3rd P. Hinchcliffe (G), 4th L. Greenaway (M). [Time:

4 mins. 45.8 secs.]

Hurdles

1st R. Stevens (G), 2nd P. Spooner (M), 3rd R. Turner (M), 4th R. Hill (Ha). [Time: 14.0 secs. (New Record)]

High Jump

1st R. Stevens (G), 2nd J. Field (Ha), 3rd R. Connor (M), 4th J. Macdonald (M). [Height: 5 ft. 3½ ins.]

Pole Vault

1st C. Carritt (M), 2nd J. Field (Ha), 3rd M. Holloway (He), 4th J. Coleman (He). [Height: 9 ft. 0 ins.]

Long Jump

1st P. Spooner (M), 2nd R. Stevens (G), 3rd J. Le Page (He), 4th G. J. Thomas (He). [Distance: 20 ft. 2 ins.]

Hop, Step and Jump

1st J. Le Page (He), 2nd I. Hodgson (He), 3rd H. Froggatt (Ha), 4th J. Barden (G). [Distance: 38 ft. 2 ins.]

Discus

1st P. Read (He), 2nd I. Clark (M), 3rd A. Smyth (Ha), 4th P. Spooner (M). [Distance: 115 ft. 9 ins.]

Putting the Shot

1st I. Clark (M), 2nd R. Dearlove (G), 3rd A. Smyth (Ha), 4th J. Macdonald (M). [Distance: 27 ft. 5½ ins.]

Throwing the Javelin

1st P. Read (He), 2nd I. Hodgson (He), 3rd R. Dearlove (G), 4th M. Lewis (M). [Distance: 127 ft. 2 ins.]

Relay

1st Hampden, 2nd Milton, 3rd Gray, 4th Herschel. [Time: 46.9 secs. (New Record)]

Open Mile Handicap

1st D. Dilnot, 2nd M. Rouse, 3rd R. Barrett, 4th D. Beer.

CLASS II

100 yards

1st B. Harden (He), 2nd P. White (Ha), 3rd I. Taylor (He), 4th M. Bell (G). [Time: 11.6 secs.]

220 yards

1st B. Harden (He), 2nd P. Manning (M), 3rd P. Bell (Ha), 4th A. Johnson (He). [Time: 25.9 secs.]

440 yards

1st R. Barrett (G), 2nd P. Manning (M), 3rd K. Robertson (He), 4th A. Johnson (He). [Time: 57.0 secs. (Equal Record)]

880 yards

1st R. Barrett (G), 2nd D. Dilnot (He), 3rd M. Rouse (G), 4th K. Robertson (He). [Time: 12.9 secs. (New Record)]

Mile—New Event

1st M. Rouse (G), 2nd D. Dilnot (He), 3rd R. Breen (G), 4th R. Parrish (He). [Time: 5 mins. 3 secs. (Record)]



R. Stevens in action.

Hurdles

1st C. Wood (M), 2nd P. Griffiths (He), 3rd R. Breen (G), 4th G. Hester (Ha). [Time: 11.4 secs. (Record)]

High Jump

1st P. Griffiths (He), 2nd D. Coe (M), 3rd C. Cockburn (M), 4th P. White (Ha). [Height: 5 ft. 4 ins. (New Record)]

Long Jump

1st A. Johnson (He), 2nd N. Bathurst (Ha), 3rd D. Dilnot (He), 4th R. Breen (G). [Distance: 17 ft. 1 in.]

Pole Vault

1st K. Robertson (He), 2nd R. L. Barrett (G), 3rd J. Twistleton (G), 4th R. Dawson (M). [Height: 7 ft. 9 ins. (New Record)]

Hop, Step and Jump

1st K. Robertson (He), 2nd A. Johnson (He), 3rd C. Baw (M), 4th G. Hester (Ha). [Distance: 33 ft. 3 ins.]

Discus

1st M. Smith (G), 2nd A. Pell (Ha), 3rd R. Lister (M), 4th R. Chuckley (Ha). [Distance: 108 ft. 3½ ins.]

Shot

1st I. Taylor (He), 2nd R. Lister (M), 3rd P. Manning (M), 4th G. Roberts (He). [Distance: 39 ft. 0 ins.]

Javelin

1st I. Taylor (He), 2nd G. Douglas (Ha), 3rd D. Roberts (G), 4th C. Wood (M). [Distance: 173 ft. 7½ ins. (New Record)]

Relay

1st Herschel, 2nd Gray, 3rd Hampden, 4th Milton. [Time: 50.07 secs.]

CLASS III

100 yards

1st K. Dawes (G), 2nd M. Stanborough (Ha), 3rd R. Poulter (M), 4th M. Pratt (G). [Time: 13.6 secs.]

220 yards

1st M. Stanborough (Ha) and R. Poulter (M), 3rd K. Dawes (G), 4th M. Pratt (G). [Time: 27.7 secs.]

Hurdles

1st J. Merritt (Ha), 2nd J. Elder (G), 3rd S. Thompson (Ha), 4th M. Harris (M). [Time: 14.15 secs.]

High Jump

1st R. Poulter (M), 2nd M. Tarrent (G), 3rd M. Pareton (G), 4th G. Pizzey (He). [Height: 4 ft. 2½ ins.]

Long Jump

1st R. F. Dawes (G), 2nd S. Thompson (Ha), 3rd C. Avis (H), 4th R. Poulter (M). [Distance: 14 ft. 8 ins.]



Sports Day, 1961—The Mile Race.

Hop, Step and Jump

1st B. Ahern (Ha), 2nd C. Avis (Ha), 3rd C. Pound (G), 4th G. Pizze (He). [Distance: 28 ft. 6½ ins.]

Discus

1st M. Clark (M), 2nd M. Pratt (G), 3rd J. Scrivens (Ha), 4th M. S. Read (He). [Distance: 86 ft. 1 in.]

Shot

1st S. Thompson (Ha), 2nd M. Clark (M), 3rd K. Dawes (G), 4th M. Pratt (G). [Distance: 31 ft. 9 ins.]

Javelin

1st M. Stanborough (Ha), 2nd B. Street (M), 3rd M. Massey (He), 4th M. Paxton (G). [Distance: 97 ft. 4 ins.]

Relay

1st Gray, 2nd Hampden, 3rd Milton, 4th Herschel. [Time: 55.9 secs. (Equals Record)]

CLASS III. House Championship (Smith Cup)

Winners: Gray—67 points.

CLASS II. House Championship (Headmaster's Cup)

Winners: Herschel—118 points.

CLASS I. House Championship (The Cup)

Winners: Gray—121 points.

House Championship (Johnson Cup)

Winners: Gray—272 points.

Runners up: Herschel—252 points; 3rd Hampden—232 points; 4th Milton—226 points.

DISTRICT SPORTS

Seniors (17—19 years)

100 yards—A. Alderman 2nd; C. Hellmuth 3rd.
220 yards—R. Stevens 1st.
440 yards—K. Lane 1st.
880 yards—C. Doyle 1st; D. Beer 2nd.
One Mile—M. Duff 2nd.
Hurdles—R. Stevens 1st; P. Spooner 2nd.
Shot—I. Clark 1st; P. Read 2nd.
Discus—P. Read 1st; I. Clark 2nd.
Javelin—R. Giles 4th.
High Jump—J. Field 1st, M. Head 2nd.
Long Jump—P. Spooner 1st; A. Alderman 3rd.
Hop, Step and Jump—K. Lane 1st; I. Hodgson 4th.
Pole Vault—J. Field 1st.

Intermediates (15—17 years)

100 yards—T. Phillips 4th.
220 yards—R. Flower 1st.
440 yards—R. Flower 1st; C. Ramsdale 4th.
880 yards—P. Hinchcliffe 3rd.
One Mile—J. Virgo 1st.
Hurdles—R. Turner 2nd; P. Hinchcliffe 3rd.
Shot—A. Smyth 1st; B. Hynam 2nd.
Discus—A. Smyth 1st.
Javelin—M. Holder 2nd.
High Jump—R. Connor 1st.
Long Jump—J. LePage 1st.
Hop, Step and Jump—J. LePage 1st.
Pole Vault—C. Carritt 1st; M. Holloway 2nd.

Juniors (13—15 years)

440 yards—R. Barrett 3rd; K. Robertson 4th.
880 yards—R. Barrett 1st; M. Bell 2nd.
One Mile—M. Rouse 3rd; D. Dilnot 4th.
Hurdles—C. Wood 2nd.
Relay—1st (P. White, A. Johnson, P. Manning, B. Harden).
Shot—I. Taylor 3rd; P. Manning 4th.

Discus—M. Smith 3rd.

Javelin—I. Taylor 1st.

High Jump—P. Griffiths 1st.

Long Jump—A. Johnson 3rd; C. Bass 4th.

Hop, Step and Jump—A. Johnson 2nd; C. Bass 4th.

Pole Vault—K. Robertson 4th.

Boys (11—13 years)

150 yards—M. Bell 2nd.

Relay—1st (M. Bell, K. Dawes, M. Stanborough, G. Alson).

Shot—M. Bell 1st.

High Jump—H. Burden 1st; R. Grantham 2nd.

Long Jump—C. Cockburn 1st.

COUNTY SPORTS

Seniors (17—19 years)

100 yards—A. Alderman 5th.
120 yards hurdles—R. Stevens 1st; P. Spooner 2nd.
200 yards low hurdles—I. Hodgson 1st.
880 yards—C. Doyle 3rd.
One Mile—M. Duff 3rd.
Long Jump—P. Spooner 3rd.
High Jump—J. Field 1st.
Discus—P. Read 3rd.

Intermediates (15—17 years)

440 yards—R. Flower 2nd.
Triple Jump—J. LePage 3rd.
Discus—A. Smyth 3rd.
Shot—A. Smyth 2nd.
Long Jump—J. LePage 3rd.
Javelin—M. Holder 4th.

Juniors (13—15 years)

80 yards hurdles—C. Wood 2nd.
880 yards—R. Barrett 1st.
Pole Vault—K. Robertson 1st.
Javelin—I. Taylor 1st.
High Jump—P. Griffiths 1st.

ALL-ENGLAND SPORTS

R. Stevens (4th in the High Hurdles and achieved standard time).
K. Robertson (6th in the Pole Vault and achieved standard height).
M. Holloway (11th in the Pole Vault).
P. Griffiths (7th in the High Jump).
I. Taylor (7th in the Javelin).
I. Hodgson (200 yards Low Hurdles), R. Flower (440 yards), K. Lane (440 yards), and R. Barrett (880 yards), also represented their county.

CRICKET, 1961

1st XI

Measured in terms of matches won it would appear to have been an unsuccessful season, but much good cricket was enjoyed and several close and thrilling finishes might easily have resulted in victory rather than a defeat or a draw.

Keith Butler was an experienced skipper, who handled his team with understanding and led them soundly both on and off the field. His eleven was a mixture of old colours and untried newcomers which it was hoped

would blend into an ideal combination, but it was apparent midway through the season that the old hands were not dominating to the extent anticipated, and we had to look to youth for inspiration in many a tight corner—the manner in which they responded promises well for the future.

K. Wallis and R. Davis took most wickets and at their best were very dangerous bowlers and capable of running through the opposition, but when they failed the remainder of our attack, well though they tried, was not sufficiently penetrating and lacked any devil. Wallis, potentially a very fine bowler, was slow to find his form, while Davis started the season in tremendous style with his off spinners by taking 8 wickets for 9 runs against Maidenhead, as well as scoring lots of runs, and it is not surprising that he failed to continue the dual rôle with the same degree of success.

J. Marks often bowled a very dangerous ball but was too erratic, while G. Bull was always steady without producing any real life in his deliveries. R. Johnson's flighted off spin revealed promise, Paling's leg spin had its moments, and R. Moore's economical medium pace played a useful supporting rôle, as also did M. Lewis in his few late season appearances.

K. Butler and R. Dearlove were expected to be leading run-getters, and although both played attacking cricket to make several useful scores, they were not as consistent as they might have been in their fourth year in the eleven. R. Davis was the leading batsman, seldom failing completely and making several scores of around 40 in his rôle of opener. Towards the end of the season young Bass came along to compile several very valuable innings and often gave his seniors a lesson in the art of concentration and basic technique.

1st XI CRICKET



Left to Right
Back row: G. Paling, R. Moore, D. Fox, C. Bass, P. Read, J. Marks.
Front Row: B. Malone, R. Davis, K. Butler, K. Wallis, G. Bull.

Of the remaining batsmen, P. Read always got his head down and played according to the interests of his side, Paling produced good stroke play on occasions, Moore clouted some useful runs, Wallis hit well now and again, while Marks, Malone and Bull all played useful parts.

As usual, Butler was a capable wicket-keeper, but generally the out cricket was not up to standard apart from the brilliance of Wallis. Everyone tried very hard but failed to overcome deficiencies in concentration and anticipation in the field, which had they been able to do so might easily have turned several narrow defeats into victory.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

Roger Davis	...	41 and 8 wickets for 9 runs v. Maidenhead.
	...	46 v. Boreham.
	...	36 v. R.A.F. Medmenham.
	...	39 not out v. Parents' XI.
	...	5 wickets for 39 runs v. Technical School.
Christopher Bass	...	29 v. Slough Technical School.
	...	35 v. R.A.F. Halton.
	...	44 v. Staff XI.
Keith Butler	...	37 not out v. R.A.F. Halton.
Robert Dearlove	...	29 v. Slough Technical School.
	...	30 v. Strodes, Egham.
	...	27 v. Shoreditch Training College.
Ken Wallis	...	6 wickets for 26 runs v. Ranelagh.
	...	6 wickets for 28 runs v. Shoreditch Training College.
	...	6 wickets for 45 runs v. R.A.F. Halton.
Gerald Bull	...	5 wickets for 36 runs v. Parents' XI.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS:
Won 3 ... Lost 7 ... Drawn 7

2nd XI

Although the 2nd Eleven enjoyed a more successful season than its senior counterpart, we look forward to ever better results in the coming season.

Under the able leadership of Peter Taylor and his vice-captain, Andrew Oliver, the team won five of its eleven games, drew one, and lost the remaining five.

The outstanding bowler was A. Oliver, who was backed up well by M. Lewis and R. Turner. R. Whelan was to be a forceful, attacking batsman and had several good innings, whilst R. Langford and A. Oliver could also be relied upon for some fruitful batting. Our wicket-keeper, M. Stenning, improved greatly as the season progressed and became a very able member of the team. Probably the team's best all-rounder was P. Willis, who, always enthusiastic, batted, bowled and fielded well.

The team was selected from M. Boweren, C. Hughes, R. Jackson, R. Langford, M. Lewis, A. Oliver, M. Pugh, M. Stenning, P. Taylor, R. Turner, R. Whelan, N. Warden and P. Willis, with G. G. Thomas and A. Crooks filling any gaps that occurred.

Our special thanks are due to Mr. A. Robinson, who devoted much of his time and patience to the team, Peter Taylor and our trusty scorer, Bruce Donaldson, and we give our congratulations to M. Lewis and A. Oliver, who were chosen to play for the 1st Eleven on several occasions.

We look forward to a more successful season, with 'new blood' coming up from the main school, whilst hoping that many former members of the team will be picked for the 1st Eleven.

M. L. BOWEREN.

Away	Langley Grammar	...	...	...	...	Drew	...	...	3-3
Home	Borough Road	...	...	...	...	Drew	...	...	2-2
Home	Dr. Challoner's, Amersham	...	...	...	...	Won	...	...	5-1
Home	Bristol University	...	...	...	...	Drew	...	...	4-4
Home	Peter Symond's, Winchester	...	...	...	...	Drew	...	...	0-0
Home	Ealing G.S.	...	...	...	...	Lost	...	...	0-1
Away	Wycombe Technical	...	...	...	...	Lost	...	...	0-3
Away	Dr. Challoner's, Amersham	...	...	...	...	Won	...	...	8-0
Away	Forest G.S.	...	...	...	...	Won	...	...	4-2

The 1st XI enjoyed a season of only mediocre success. With a minimum of players remaining from the previous season's team, a job of rebuilding was commenced before the season began. After a convincing win against the staff in the 'warm up' match, the season began with a narrow away defeat at the hands of Bishopshalt School. The next match, at home against Shoreditch Training College, was one of the team's best performances of the season, and it seemed at this point as if a successful team was emerging. But then, up to Christmas, a poor run followed in which frequent team changes had to be made.

After Christmas the team became more settled and, including the last match before Christmas, eight matches were survived without suffering defeat. Then injury troubles weakened the team and two defeats were inflicted. The last two matches were won, the penultimate by eight goals to nil away to Dr. Challoner's Grammar School, Amersham. The season therefore ended on a high note.

The outstanding matches of the season were the fine win over Shoreditch T.C., a narrow and somewhat unfortunate defeat away to Bradfield College, and an enjoyable home fixture against the Old Paludians.

A review of the team's play during the season shows that the defence was often able to contain the opposing forwards, but the attack frequently lacked sufficient goal punch. The goal totals for and against show that although 50 per cent more matches were lost than won, only 45 goals were conceded compared to the 47 goals scored. Perhaps, had the team had a more settled appearance earlier in the season, the results might have been more favourable.

A. Smyth and D. Godfrey were both recommended for county trials. A. Smyth gained a place in the County Grammar Schools XI and in the County Youth XI, and he attended the F.A. Schools Week.

J. TRIGG (Secretary).

2nd XI

The 2nd XI had once again an extremely successful season, losing only one match, drawing two and winning twelve. From the first match the team began to play together as a team and produced good football. The highlights of the season were a 4-2 victory over Bishopshalt with only ten men, and a very good 3-2 victory over the Old Paludians in a memorable and exciting match. After gaining an early lead the team was forced back for the whole of the second half, but the defence excelled and could not be broken. Mention must also be made of the occasion when the 2nd XI deputised for the 1st XI against Strodes 1st XI, putting up a very commendable and gallant performance before eventually yielding.

Owing to the unsettled 1st XI selection and the difficulty in obtaining release for fifth form members on Wednesday afternoons, team selection was varied; it was under such circumstances that the team, with five reserves, lost its only match, against Wycombe Technical School, a team that they had previously defeated easily earlier in the season. The team was reasonably strong in all positions, although later in the season the forward line lost its 'punch', failing in the penalty area after good approach work.

The defence gave away an average of one goal a game and usually managed to contain the opposing attack. S. Kochanowski proved an extremely

sound and capable goalkeeper and was given sound support by his two full backs, A. Singleton and G. Bull. G. Dobson, although limited in his clearing of the ball, proved a reliable centre half, and was given good support by his wing halves, J. Murray (who also played well at full back) and D. Warren (a player of great promise, who defended and attacked tirelessly). B. Kelley proved an untiring asset both at full back, half back and inside forward.

The forward line moved well together, but failed near goal owing to a reluctance of all forwards to shoot. P. Daniel, although tending to hold the ball too long, proved an effective winger, together with C. Timms, whose inclusion strengthened the team midway in the season. The line was led by D. Airley, who proved an industrious and lively leader and combined well with K. Haines, who was untiring at inside forward, being leading goal scorer and making many openings. A. Alderman played well both at inside forward and on the wing, scoring six goals in as many games.

Thanks must also be given to H. Froggatt, C. Burley, R. T. Smith, M. Lewis, R. Grantham and E. Lucas-Smith, who, although unable to command regular places, proved capable deputies.

In conclusion it must be stated that the team owed its success to a high team spirit and to good football, produced not by individualistic effort but by co-ordinated team work.

G. BULL (Captain).

UNDER 15 'A' XI

Played 29, won 25, drawn 1, lost 3, goals for 122, against 26.

This has been an extremely successful season. The team started by using the 4-2-4 system, which worked well in defence but seemed to affect the penetration of the forward line. It was therefore replaced after four games by a more orthodox system.

The only weakness in the team was strengthened by the timely arrival of K. Messenger in February. The team won the District Senior League with the loss of only one point to Haymill, whom they also defeated 2-0 in the final of the Rebel Shield. In the match between the league winners of Slough and District and Maidenhead and District, the team defeated St. Luke's by 4 goals to 1 to win the Grenfell Shield.

In such a strong, all-round team it would be unfair to single out anyone other than M. Bell, who led the team extremely well in addition to working very hard and often brilliantly in mid-field. He also topped the goal-scoring table with 29 goals in 23 games. C. Sherlock was also a very capable vice-captain.

The following played for the team (the number of goals scored is given in parentheses): M. Bell (29), G. Olson (23), R. Breen (23), G. Hester (11), K. Messenger (7), C. Sherlock (2), C. Bass, D. Roberts, D. Coe, R. Lister, D. Hannigan, D. Gleave (6), P. Smith (3), N. Traylen.

M. Bell, C. Bass, D. Roberts, R. Lister, R. Breen and G. Hester represented the District Under 15 XI.

K. Messenger, G. Olson and D. Gleave played for the District Under 14 XI.

M. Bell and D. Roberts also had the honour to be selected for the Buckinghamshire Under 15 XI.

UNDER 15 'B' XI

Played 17, won 7, drawn 1, lost 9, goals for 42, goals against 40.

As can be seen from the record, this has not been an inspiring season. The experiment of playing in a different section of the league has not been a success, although exactly half the games have been won, the main

difficulty being the increased travelling. On many occasions the team played the better football, but eventually had to give way to the greater size and weight of its opponents. Frequent changes were made in attempts to strengthen the team, and it was not until late in the season that a settled team was found. The regular members of the team were G. Wallace (capt.), I. Kitching, N. Campbell, A. Raeside, R. Grantham, I. Cruickshank and P. Robson. The remaining positions were filled by J. Gedge, C. Cockburn, M. Stanborough, M. Donaghue, J. Martin, D. Gleave, N. Traylen, A. Smith, B. Aherne, K. Kennedy, D. Kemp, B. Messenger, R. Coutts, J. Lyall, B. Eaglestone, G. Hester, J. Keates and D. Dilnot.

M.W.

UNDER 13 'A' XI

Played 18, won 9, drawn 3, lost 6, goals for 43, goals against 26.

The team enjoyed only moderate success compared with the all-conquering sides of previous years. Nevertheless, only two points separated the school from the league winners at the end of the season, and many excellent victories were recorded throughout the year.

Bad luck dogged the side in that an exceptionally large crop of injuries and illness forced repeated changes to be made. Only on two occasions was the strongest eleven fielded. These unfortunate changes may well have been responsible for the lack of team spirit, which was occasionally apparent. Although the football played was invariably as good as, if not better than that of the opponents, the final 'punch' near goal was usually lacking. The defence, though strong and steady, was apt to be vulnerable against quick-moving forwards.

Separate mention must be made of K. Hampton, a first-former, who showed considerable skill and opportunism at centre forward. B. Eaglestone, the captain, was untiring in his efforts to link defence with attack. In defence the speed and hard tackling of C. Avis were invaluable.

Prospects for next season's under-13 side are not good. Few first-formers reveal the required potential, although in K. Hampton and K. Franklin there is the nucleus of a skilful forward line.

The team was normally chosen from the following players: M. Paxton, J. Cooney, C. Avis, J. Elder, M. Clark, R. Poulter, M. Pratt, B. Eaglestone (capt.), K. Hampton (21 goals), K. Franklin, A. Moore, C. Mansfield, D. Pound, R. Harman and D. Webber.

R.A.B.

UNDER 13 'B' XI

With only three opponents in the District Intermediate Central League, the 'B' XI has had very little match practice this season. Nevertheless, the weekly training sessions have been well attended and a number of players have shown great improvement. The most promising players, inevitably, have been lost to the 'A' side. These included two first-formers, K. Hampton and K. Franklin, whilst M. Moore, R. Smith, C. Mansfield and C. Pound played frequently for the senior team.

Four of the six league matches were won comfortably. We challenged Haymill, the league winners, very strongly in a decisive match on their ground, but lost narrowly by 3-2. Our final position in the league was second.

The team has displayed a considerable measure of cohesion and discipline on the field, but individual skills still need improvement. Throughout the season P. Bloxham has proved a competent team captain. S. Hatch and C. King have shown especial promise for next season.

The team was: R. Smith, J. Luckie, M. Reed, C. King, P. Bloxham (capt.), R. Harman, I. Rance, S. Hatch, F. Gamble, B. Carrod, C. Pound, C. Mansfield and M. Moore.

G.H.A.

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT, 1962

The six-a-side tournament was, as usual, blessed with a sunny day, but the best conditions for football were prevented by a cold wind. Nevertheless, all the matches were keenly and closely contested. In the senior competition the masters fielded a much favoured 'Lions' team, but they met their fate in the semi-final against R. Dowding's team. The final was eventually won narrowly by D. Godfrey's team. The winning team consisted of D. Godfrey (capt.), D. Airley, S. Kochanowski, D. Roberts, P. Small and J. Stanford. The junior competition was won by N. Campbell's team. The victorious team consisted of N. Campbell (capt.), I. Kitching, G. Naylor, J. Campbell, K. Hampton and K. Dawes.

I. TRIGG.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

SENIORS

The steady improvement in the standard which has been noticeable in the last year or two has continued this season and our first team has run fifteen races—three more than last year's record-breaking total—and has won all but two of them. It is pleasing to note that no school has beaten us and that our two defeats, one by R.A.F. Halton and the other by Newland Park Training College, were both very narrow and were turned into decisive victories in the two return matches.

For the second year running we won the Beaumont Shield in the 15-17 age group at the District Championships, scoring 15 points to Langley Grammar School's 33. M. Rouse was the individual winner, with J. Virgo 3rd, C. Ramsdale 5th and P. Virgo 6th. Seven of the team represented the District at the County Championships, and M. Duff, D. Beer, M. Rouse and P. Virgo are to be congratulated on being chosen to represent Buckinghamshire at the All-England Championships, Duff's position of 37th being particularly creditable.

This season's successes have been due in no small measure to the enthusiasm, hard work and high standard of performance of the Captain, Martin Duff, and the Secretary, David Beer; Duff in particular has had a remarkable record of individual wins and has been beaten by only one runner throughout the two terms. They have been ably supported by the Virgo Twins, and these four runners constituted the regular nucleus of each team. P. Hinchcliffe ran well in the first eight matches, twice coming second, but unfortunately illness prevented him from seeing the season through, and E. Thomas, improving steadily throughout the period, secured a regular place in the team in the last few months. The rest of the places were filled on a rota system from several very able runners in the fifth and fourth forms, most of whom would have earned a regular place in the team had it not been advisable to restrict the number of lessons they were missing on a Wednesday afternoon. Of these M. Rouse and D. Dilnot were outstanding, the former three times coming in second to Duff; the others, C. Ramsdale, R. Barrett and R. Flower all ran well, and by their close packing frequently contributed to our victory. The following also ran for the team on a few occasions: C. Bawden, C. Doyle and P. O'Leary.

As we look to the future it is encouraging to note that some of our best runners are still not in the sixth form. Indeed one of the year's outstanding fixtures was a victory by our under-16 team over Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, who hold a high reputation for cross-country running.

Full colours were re-awarded to Duff, Beer and J. Virgo, and awarded to P. Virgo. Half colours were re-awarded to Hinchcliffe, and awarded to Rouse, Dilnot, Barrett, Ramsdale, Flower and Thomas.

INTERMEDIATES

Only at the end of the season at the District Championships did this team run at full strength with the inclusion of two footballers, M. Bell and R. Breen. On this occasion we achieved second place to Langley Grammar, with D. Dilnot as the individual champion and M. Bell in third place.

Of the other fixtures we lost twice to Langley Grammar School, Dr. Challoner's School, Amersham, and Burnham Grammar School, although D. Dilnot was nearly always first home. He is to be further congratulated on representing Buckinghamshire at the All-England Championships.

The most memorable race of the year was a Relay Race organized by Langley Grammar School in Langley Park in which twelve schools from a wide area participated. Our team, consisting of Dilnot, Bell, Breen and J. Luckie did extremely well to finish fourth against very strong opposition.

The other regular member of the team who deserves special mention is G. Spellman; he was always well placed and was a reserve for the District Team at the County Championships. The following also ran for the team: I. Cruickshank, N. Campbell, S. Durbin, K. Dawes, A. Pell, R. Hanson, R. Paice, P. B. Smith and C. Cockburn.

JUNIORS

Although this season has had its ups and downs with a home win and an away defeat against Langley Grammar School and Burnham Grammar School, and two defeats at the hands of Dr. Challoner's School, Amersham, it ended on a most encouraging note with a convincing win, 78 points ahead of our nearest rival at the District Championships. The packing then was most impressive, with J. Luckie 2nd, A. Moore 4th, S. Hatch 5th, M. Paxton 15th, B. Goodall 18th, B. Cooke 20th.

The season's most exciting race was the away fixture against Dr. Challoner's, where we just lost by 70 points to our opponents' 68.

The team's outstanding runner has been its captain, Luckie, who has come first in all his inter-school races, represented the District Under-15 Team at the County Sports, and was a reserve for the County Team. A. Moore also ran very well in all races, and there is a nucleus of enthusiastic first form boys for next year's team, the best of whom are Hatch, Goodall, Cooke and K. Franklin. The following also ran for the team: M. Paxton and B. Eaglestone (two promising runners whose football commitments prevented them from running more often), D. Pound, I. Watterson, A. Murray, P. Stevens, M. Moore and M. Grosch.

HOCKEY

Captain: S. Baxter. Secretary: C. Louch.

The School Team has had a very enjoyable season indeed. At the beginning of the season it was necessary to select only two or three players from the school to fill the places of boys who had left.

Among those who left us was the captain, B. Rofferts, whose place was taken over by S. Baxter, who was last year's secretary. M. Stenning was elected vice-captain.

The regular XI were: C. Louch, K. Isaac, P. Serjent, C. Marshall, J. LePage, R. Loomes, M. Kolaszynski, G. Thomas, S. Baxter, M. Stenning, B. Hynam, with J. Mearns, P. Skillings, D. Stenning and R. Fountain as capable reserves.

The season started well—only two matches out of the first eight being lost—but as it progressed the forwards' ability to score diminished due to very poor finishing in the area. This was illustrated by the fact that the forwards scored only five times in the last nine matches.

Altogether 18 matches were played—6 being won, 3 drawn and 9 lost. Many of the matches lost were defeats by the odd goal. Quite a remarkable feat, however, was that the school scored 42 goals and conceded only 46.

For the first time in five years we beat Maidenhead Grammar School. We also won one of our matches with Ranelagh School, who is usually one of our most formidable opponents.

New fixtures were arranged with Wycombe Technical, Rickmansworth Grammar School and Thames Valley Grammar School, Twickenham.

The abilities of S. Baxter, M. Stenning and J. LePage were recognized by the county, as all three represented Bucks in the Inter-County Schools Hockey Tournament in Sussex at the end of the Spring Term. S. Baxter and M. Stenning had their colours renewed, and new colours were presented to J. LePage, C. Louch, P. Serjent and J. Thomas.

The Old Paludians encouraged members of the School team to play for them on Saturday afternoons, and they always welcome new members from those still at school.

With the majority of the team leaving at the end of July it will be up to the present fourth and fifth form boys to carry on and increase the tradition of Hockey at Slough Grammar School.

C. T. LOUCH (Secretary).

RUGBY CLUB

Date	Opponents	Result	For	Against
Oct. 4	Sir William Borlase	Won	11	0
Oct. 11	Maidenhead Grammar School	Lost	5	40
Oct. 18	Ranelagh School	Lost	10	15
Oct. 25	Forest Grammar School	Won	14	0
Nov. 1	Wycombe Grammar 2nd XV	Lost	0	32
Nov. 22	Ranelagh School	Won	42	0
Nov. 29	Slough Technical	Lost	5	16
Jan. 17	Slough Technical	Lost	3	9
Feb. 7	Slough Technical	Won	14	8
Feb. 28	Slough Technical	Won	21	6
March 7	Ealing Grammar School	Lost	8	9
March 14	Wycombe Technical	Won	5	0
March 21	Slough and District Secondary Schools XV	Won	13	0

This year we have enjoyed a fair measure of success. Of thirteen matches played we have won 7 and lost 6, scoring 151 points against 135. We have had fixtures with four schools against whom we had not previously played: Ealing G.S., Forest G.S., Wycombe Technical and Ranelagh School.

To 'round off' our season we played against a representative Slough and District Secondary Schools XV and beat them 13-0.

As usual, we have been severely handicapped by being unable to field the same team on two consecutive weeks. This is due largely to our inability to draw on the very promising players in the fifth form as much as we would wish.

The captain, Roger Davis, has always proved an efficient general, marshalling even inexperienced players so that they have played with effect. His skill at full back and his excellent place kicking will not be easy to replace.

This year we sent three team members, C. Doyle, P. Spooner and C. Evans to the Bucks County Schoolboy Trials at Aylesbury. Doyle has since been chosen as the first reserve for the county team.

The principal criticisms by the staff concerned with our activities are that we have shown lack of cohesion between the forwards in loose scrummages, we have wasted many good movements by holding the ball too long in the three-quarters line, and that too much work and responsibility has fallen upon the more experienced boys because of unwilling tacklers among the rest. On the other hand, we are congratulated on our speed in

breaking through line-outs, and in preventing the opposition from 'getting the ball out' along their lines to the wings.

We have once again enjoyed the active support of Mr. Myatt and Mr. Malin, to whom we offer our thanks, and Mr. Mansfield, a new member of the staff, has also given us a great deal of assistance as a coach and a referee.

Elsewhere in the school Rugby is flourishing. There are some potentially outstanding players in the 5th form group, and the 3rd form group also shows promise. The weak link is in the 4th form, where only a very small number of boys play Rugby, and there are very few players of any aptitude whatever.

New fixtures for next season include Stoneham School and Hayes G.S., and renewed fixtures with Ashmead G.S. and Bishopshalt G.S., against whom this year's matches were unfortunately cancelled.

We look forward to another season of success, and hope that most of this year's 5th form players will be entering the 6th and, in consequence, provide us with a more settled and regular team.

Full colours were re-awarded to C. Doyle (reserve for Bucks County School XV), and awarded to R. Davis (Captain, County Trial, 1961), C. Evans (County Trials, 1961-62), and P. Spooner (County Trial, 1962). Half colours were awarded to J. Burden, G. Thomas and B. Higginson.

C. W. EVANS (Secretary).

THE BASKETBALL CLUB

The senior basketball team has once more had a successful season, although they lost one of their best shooters, Peter Read, who left to join the R.A.F. half-way through the year. Their record up to date is: Played 6, won 3, lost 3, for 100, against 83.

Unfortunately the organization of a junior basketball team failed, although the senior team prospered under the experienced eye of Mr. Bailey, who is a keen basketball player himself. From his efforts the team's tactical play improved noticeably.

The closely rivalled match with Langley Grammar School resulted in a loss to the school this year, although last year the tables were turned.

It is unfortunate that all games have to be played away from home owing to the small size of the gymnasium, otherwise I'm sure support would increase. We hope to gain more support in the future as a result of the games to be played between the houses, the school team and the staff.

The team was normally: A. Alderman, M. Boweren, J. Prout, P. Read, J. Burden, G. Thomas (capt.), C. Doyle and P. Hinchliffe. Also H. Duffy and E. Thomas were always willing to give their support when they were called upon.

G. J. THOMAS (Hon. Secretary).

ROWING, 1961-62

Since the last report most of the School's Rowing Club members have left, taking up various jobs and entering Universities. Some of them have continued to pursue their interest in this sport, and Ian Clark is now training in a University College Eight. Thus the membership of the club was reduced to one—hardly adequate. So Mr. Colombo, ably assisted by a new member of the staff, Mr. Dutton, set about training a group of sixth formers from scratch.

After persevering steadily, despite icy conditions and floods through the winter months, several of the boys are showing promise as oarsmen.

It is hoped in the near future to graduate from the training 'Tubs' to 'Fours', but since only one of our number has any experience of the latter we expect that members will take advantage of the excellent training facilities offered by Eton Excelsior Rowing Club at week-ends.

In this way we may have at least four boys rowing together in a 'Four' by the beginning of the Summer Term.

M. J. BILLINGTON.

NEWS FROM THE OLD BOYS

LETTER FROM LONDON

'When a man is tired of London he is tired of life.' These words of Dr. Johnson are as true today as they were in his day, though London has changed much since then. Each year an increasing number of students enrol at the University, attracted by this great London magnet. Students from the provinces, Europe and the Commonwealth mingle in such large numbers that it is unusual to meet a real Londoner at the University.

Slough Grammar School has so many representatives in all the major colleges and most of the colleges of advanced technology that it is difficult to assess their actual number. There is always room for more. Intending applicants, however, should be aware of the unique nature of the University.

London University has been likened to an octopus, with its head at Bloomsbury, the administrative and social centre, and with tentacles stretching as far as Royal Holloway College, near Egham, and Wye College in South Kent. Innumerable colleges have taken root all over London. Their number and breadth of study far exceed those of the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford. Many students consider this an over-riding advantage, though here is perhaps a case of 'sour grapes' from those with light and dark-blue chips on their shoulders.

The difficulty of obtaining accommodation near the college is real, but not insurmountable, and is probably not as great as at several provincial universities. Living at home and travelling daily can be tedious but not impracticable. The journey from a Slough home to the central colleges takes about an hour and a quarter. With luck one can get very comfortable 'digs', and places at Halls of Residence are available each year.

Life 'in Hall' is an education in itself. Surrounded by one's fellow students there are, however, many distractions from academic work. Dinner is a social occasion not to be hurried. In the cosmopolitan society of London it does not seem strange to talk with a Malayan economics student or an ex-public school student reading Chinese.

London has everything to offer. Come and join us!

A. LUCAS-SMITH.

THE OLD PALUDIANS

The past year has seen a consolidation of the Club's position at Taplow. New equipment, including a heavy roller and a tractor, has been purchased and the playing surface of the field is now much improved. In addition, following a disastrous financial period ending in June last year, the support given to the activities at the Clubhouse has greatly increased, and it is hoped that we shall at least 'break even' this year. On the other hand, the attendance at outside dances has not been forthcoming and the number of such functions has been reduced accordingly.

The main event during the year was the Golden Jubilee of the School and, in addition to supporting the official celebration, a Dinner and Dance

was held at the White Hart Hotel, Windsor. At 164, the attendance was the highest ever, and the evening was voted a great success by guests and members alike. This function was, of course, organized in association with the Ladies' Section, and it is to be hoped that there will be more co-operation in the future, particularly in view of the great success of the Dramatic Society.

Another good point has been the increase in the number of subscribing members, twenty being enrolled at the Jubilee Celebration alone. It is to be hoped that those leaving the School will join the Club and support its activities. The Club-house is open from Friday to Monday inclusive each week and all are welcome. The subscription is 10s 6d. per year (5s. under 18) payable on the 1st July, and this covers regular bulletins plus fixture cards for all sports and social events.

Those wishing to enrol should write to me or call at the Club, Pope's Field, Berry Hill, Taplow, Nr. Maidenhead, Berks, stating their special interests. The names will then be passed to the appropriate Sectional Secretaries. Forms can also be obtained from Mr. Collin at the School.

S. W. JONES (Hon. Secretary).

OLD PALUDIANS' HOCKEY CLUB

We are again pleased to report a very enjoyable season during which the Club played 64 games, winning 20, drawing 11, and losing 33. Goals for 109, goals against 149.

The 1st XI, captained this season by Derek Werrel, won 10, drew 5 and lost 9 of the 24 games played. Leading goal scorers were Kevin Melia, with 17, and Jimmy Osborne, with 10. We were very pleased to welcome back Colin Thompson to the 1st XI when flying duties permitted.

The 2nd XI won 9, drew 4, and lost 13 of the 26 games played. Charles Louch and Mike Stenning were very welcome new arrivals.

The 3rd XI won 1, drew 2, and lost 11 during a not too happy season.

An Old Boys' Club such as ours needs a regular intake of boys from the School to maintain its strength. Colin Thompson will be running coaching sessions at Popes Field during the Summer months, and any schoolboy who is interested is urged to contact Charles Louch or Geoff Roberts.

OLD PALUDIANS' CRICKET CLUB

I am pleased to report another very enjoyable season, during which the Club, skippered by 'Flip' Seal and John Griffith, played 36 games, winning 15, losing 16, and drawing 5.

The batting was topped by David Windle and Tony Southam, with averages of over 15. The bowling was topped by the 'Old Man' of the side, Ron Bruce, performing as well as ever. He took 75 wickets at 8.15 runs each. Graham Holmes turned in his usual season's hard work, bowling 380 overs and taking 90 wickets at 11.47 runs each.

The 'Dennis Edwards Bat', awarded for the highest individual score of the season, was won by Bob Cook, with a score of 70, including 4 sixes, against Bradenham, on August Bank Holiday Monday.

The Popes Field pitch is now settling down very well and we are looking forward to entertaining the School team again this season.

SOLUTION TO CHESS PROBLEMS

LAST YEAR'S PROBLEM

1. K—N 2.
2. Then one black knight must move, allowing white to mate by N—B 7 or N—B 5.

THIS YEAR'S PROBLEM

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ON the second floor of MILLETS there is EVERYTHING for the camper, from a camper's combined knife, fork and spoon, to a portable shower. The important item of a camper's equipment is his tent, which today can range from a small 'pup' or 'pocket' tent for the adventurous young man, to a large Continental chalet tent for the whole family. Since more and more people are now taking happy, carefree, camping holidays, tent manufacturers are now making large tents which can be erected easily—tents are now framed; therefore no worry of slackening guy ropes in wet weather.

For restful nights at camp a luxuriously quilted sleeping bag is obviously required. Everything is included in the special padding, which gives a beautiful soft mattress effect. It is as light as a feather and rolls up into a small lightweight bundle. However, if you want a 'proper' bed, there are folding camp beds, which are very strong and fold to practically nothing in size for very easy transport.

After a good night's sleep at camp, in the morning you want a good breakfast. Thus cooking utensils are very important. They are strong, light (aluminium), quickly heated and dual purpose. Cooking can be done by solid fuel, spirit—paraffin, methylated spirit or petrol—or butane gas. Camping Gaz is the world's leading range of appliances burning butane gas from throwaway cartridges and rechargeable containers.

Besides the basic requirements for the camper of a tent, sleeping bag and cooking utensils, there are many other accessories—folding camp stoves, folding chairs and tables, hi-power pressure lanterns, portable coolers, picnic jugs, lilos, universal 8-in-1 camping tool, and rucksacks, in which all the camper's gear is carried—all of which can be seen at Slough's Camping Centre, at MILLETS.

All this equipment is no use unless the camper is made welcome by farmers and owners of camp sites, and you will only be made welcome if you follow the 'Country Code':

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